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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Repudiating Agreements

PRESIDENT Eisenhower's expressed determination to have the United States repudiate the so-called secret Yalta agreement must be read as a desire to fulfil an election pledge. It is unlikely to achieve anything positive, and if the gesture possesses anything of value it can only be the psychological effect it may have on those people in Eastern Europe who have come under the yoke of Soviet Communism. In fact the Yalta agreement cannot properly be described as secret. Its terms, or most of them, were published almost immediately. The only action which at any time could be called secret dealt with the Far East, and even this was revealed in February of 1946. The "secret" conditions comprised rewards offered to the Russians for entering the war against Japan, including the promise that the southern part of Sakhalin Island should be returned to the Soviet Union, together with the cession of Kurile Islands—all held then by Japan. The knowledge that President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill were prepared to be so generous to Russia in 1945 might at this time be distasteful to American public opinion, but, as one commentator has remarked, those who now join in denouncing the Yalta Treaty might well ask themselves whether the two statesmen would have carried public opinion with them if they had refused agreement with Russia at that time—or whether indeed they had the force to drive the Soviet armies out of Eastern Europe.

BRITAIN, through Mr. Anthony Eden, has categorically refused to be a party to repudiation of the Yalta agreement, or any other treaty "validly and voluntarily entered into." Dissociation from President Eisenhower's contemplated action does not, however, imply a straining of relations between Britain and the United States. Manifestly the British Government feels that repudiation of the Yalta Treaty can achieve nothing, unless it be to complicate and stimulate the cold war. There is too, the implication (and it is one which the Japanese Premier has readily seized upon) that repudiation of the agreement gives Japan a title to Sakhalin and the Kuriles. It is an assumption which cannot be conceded, for it must not be forgotten that the Japanese Government declared in the Treaty of Peace, which incidentally was largely arranged by President Eisenhower's Secretary of State, that it renounced all claim to those islands and territories. Apart from these considerations there remains good reason to doubt whether it is wise to seem to challenge the validity of settlements which no one on the western side contemplates changing by force. The most likely effect of any such action will be to intensify Soviet repression in the territories concerned.

Protection For British Shipping In China Seas

ASSURANCE REITERATED BY MR EDEN

London, Feb. 16. The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, reiterated today his recent assurance that British merchant ships on China seas engaged on lawful business would be accorded all protection by the British Navy.

He was replying to questions in the House of Commons regarding interference with British ships in the China seas from various sources.

Mr. Eden said such interference had been attempted on 40 occasions during the last 18 months, but none of the incidents had involved vessels trading from the United Kingdom.

On five occasions the attackers were not identified and their attempts at interception were evaded.

On three occasions the attackers were Chinese pirates. On four occasions the attacks were made by Chinese Communist junks or shore batteries.

MAU MAU STRIKES AGAIN

Nairobi, Feb. 16.

Mau Mau terrorists, in another wave of ferocity, have hacked, slashed and burned to death ten more Africans in the Kikuyu reserves in the past 24 hours, police announced here tonight.

Late night reports reaching Nairobi police headquarters also listed three more terrorists killed by troops and police, bringing the total killed by security forces for today to 12.

Police opened fire on an armed gang of Kikuyus in the Fort Hall area today, killing nine and wounding one.

Mrs. Julie Butler, a European farmer's wife, today drove off a party of about 15 Kikuyus with rifle fire, while her husband and son were on guard at another neighbour's farm.

The gang tried to raid the Butler's farmhouse near Rumuruti, in the Thomson's Falls district, while Mrs. Butler and her teenage daughter were alone in the kitchen.

Africans made other attacks on women today.

A European housewife, Mrs. J. S. H. Hamilton, was struck with the flat side of a panga (chopping knife) while she lunched with her children in her suburban home at Karen, nine miles west of Nairobi.

Two hours earlier, another African gang of three men burst into a general store, only three miles from the centre of the city. One of them leaped over the counter pushing an elderly European woman to the floor.

The other two Africans robbed the till of 85 shillings. The gang escaped.—Reuter.

Dynamite Explodes During Fire

Brownfield, Texas, Feb. 16. Fifteen people were reported injured, three seriously, when 200 lbs. of dynamite exploded in a burning warehouse in the village of Plains, 32 miles west of here today.

The police said the explosion occurred after fire had "pretty well destroyed" the building.—Reuter.

PROTESTS MADE

Protests had been made to the Provincial authorities in Formosa every time Nationalist responsibility had been established or seemed probable. These included three cases of piracy, since the pirates appeared to be working from Nationalist-held islands.

Mr. Maurice Edelman, Labour, said the increase in piracy was causing great indignation, anxiety and concern.

"Would the Minister reaffirm that British ships trading with China would be protected?" he asked.

Mr. Eden replied: "That has been going on for a very considerable time."

He added that the Nationalist authorities had now accepted responsibility for the boarding of the British freighter, Rosita, off the China coast on December 9.

(Her master was killed by gunfire from Chinese junks.) Mr. Eden said the British Consul had been instructed to submit a claim for full compensation.

Mr. Desmond Donnelly, left-wing Labour member, urged Mr. Eden to make representations to the British Ambassador in Washington to the effect that the arming of these Nationalist ships was "gravely endangering Anglo-American relations."

These ships were "attacking British ships and endangering British lives as a result of the decision of the American President."

Mr. Eden replied: "It is fair to say there have been examples on both sides. This kind of thing has not just arisen in the last 12 months."—Reuter.

Ship Overturns

Tokyo, Feb. 16. Kyodo news agency reported today the 17-ton fishing ship, Kosuik Maru, overturned yesterday off Hyogo, Western Japan.

The crew members are missing.—Reuter.

Britain's Road Transport Denationalised

London, Feb. 16.

The House of Commons, by 290 votes to 257, tonight finally passed the Conservative Government's Bill to put Britain's Nationalised road transport system back into private hands.

The industry was nationalised by Labour in 1947.

The Bill, which now goes to the House of Lords for approval before becoming law, is one of the two major bills in the Government's programme.

The other, to denationalise the steel industry, is also on its way through Parliament.—Reuter.

Rosenbergs: New Stay Of Execution Requested

New York, Feb. 16.

Mr. Emanuel Bloch, lawyer for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, due to be executed for spying for Russia during the week beginning March 9, today made a demand for a new stay of execution to the United States Supreme Court of Appeal.

He asked for the stay to be made pending a ruling by the United States Supreme Court as to the new requests which have been presented to it.

The Court of Appeal will examine the request tomorrow. Following an announcement by Judge Kaufman that the Rosenbergs would be executed, the Judge's secretary, US Marshal Carroll, stated today that only the representatives of the big three American news agencies would be allowed to witness the execution. Reporters of the leading newspapers will be allowed to wait in a room next to the electrocution room. They will be informed of the details of the execution afterwards by their agency colleagues.

It is believed that the Rosenbergs will be electrocuted on March 14, about 11 p.m. It will be the first time that civilians have paid the death penalty for being spies in the United States.

In Washington today, supporters of the movement for clemency towards the Rosenbergs resumed their picket lines in front of the White House. They arrived by special train from New York.—France-Press.

SECURITY MEASURES

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 16. The Israeli security authorities have reinforced guards on American buildings in Tel-Aviv with the approach of the date for the execution in New York of the atom spies, Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel.

Special police detachments, armed with sub-machine-guns have been posted at the United States Embassy here.—France-Press.

NEW BLOCKADE PROPOSAL

Washington, Feb. 16. Representative V. W. Cole (Republican, New York), introduced a bill in the House on Monday to sell, lease or otherwise transfer six American destroyers to Nationalist China for the blockade of Chinese ports on the Communist-held mainland.

Cole called the Chiang government "the one government in the world which has an unquestioned right" to conduct such a blockade.—Associated Press.

Soviet Note To Israel Called Unjustified

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 16.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, said today that the terms of the Soviet note announcing the severance of diplomatic relations with Israel following the recent Tel-Aviv bomb incident at the Soviet Legation were "unjustified and contrary to the general attitude of the Soviet Union."

The Prime Minister, addressing the Israeli Parliament, denied the Soviet charge that the bomb had been placed in the Soviet Legation with the complicity of the Israeli police.

He said that no country held world peace more dearly than the state of Israel and he pledged his government's co-operation with any country in the world which remained true to the principles of international peace.

At the same time, the Prime Minister continued, Israel was "ready to defend to the last drop of its blood its democratic regime and its Zionist mission."

PREMIER'S APPEAL After asserting that his government would not tolerate any act of violence from whatever source, he appealed to the Soviet government "in case there are undesirable Jews in the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies, to let them emigrate so as to return to the land of the ancient Jewish fatherland."

Mr. Ben Gurion recalled the fact that the Soviet Union, together with other European and eastern countries, had helped to create the independent and sovereign state of Israel and he urged all Soviet leaders to respect their declarations concerning "rights, brotherhood and peace for all peoples."

While the speech was being made by the Prime Minister, special police patrols guarded the Parliament buildings in Jerusalem and frontier guards kept pedestrians moving.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, told the Parliament today that the Soviet government was preparing to submit to the United Nations the question of the persecution of Jews in Eastern Europe.

He made this statement while addressing the Israeli Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committees.—France-Press.

FALSE WARNING

Jerusalem, Feb. 16. An anonymous telephone warning that a bomb had been placed in the building was received at the Israeli Parliament during tonight's debate of the diplomatic break with Russia.

The warning said the Parliament building would be blown up shortly.

The Sergeant-at-Arms told the Speaker, who decided to ignore the warning. But immediately after the session ended one hour after the warning was received, members evacuated the building and a search was made. Nothing was found.—Reuter.

Reminder To The Sudan

Cairo, Feb. 16. General Mohammed Naguib, the Egyptian Prime Minister, tonight said that any attempt to include the Sudan within the British Commonwealth would render the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Sudan null and void.

General Naguib made this statement in a radio address to the Sudanese people on the occasion of the coming election in the Sudan.

He said that the Sudan agreement provided that the Sudanese would be given the right to choose between the alternatives of unity with Egypt under any form of complete independence without any foreign influence.—France-Press.

DUTCH FLOOD VICTIMS



More Dutch flood victims are brought back from the isolated islands to the dry towns and villages of the Noord-Brabant province. The death toll in the Dutch floods, the worst for 400 years, was over 1,300.—London Express.

Yalta Agreement: Repudiation Resolution Being Prepared

Washington, Feb. 16.

President Eisenhower today took the first step toward implementing his famous pledge in last year's election campaign not to "rest content" until the Communist conquests made as a result of the Yalta agreements of 1945 no longer existed.

He discussed with Congressional leaders a resolution through which both the executive and legislative arms of the United States government would repudiate those agreements whereby large parts of Eastern Europe and Asia were placed under Communist rule.

Senator Robert Taft, Republican majority leader, reported today discussions at the White House, but did not reveal the proposed draft of the resolution.

He defined it, however, as "the repudiation of any agreement which might have led in any way to the acquiescence on the part of the United States to the suppression of people in the Soviet satellites or other countries."

Senator Taft said he expected Congress would pass the resolution "within a reasonable time."

Considerable progress was made toward the wording of the resolution at the White House meeting, he added.

Expert Washington observers said that in the light of the Yalta protocols, published in 1947, this would appear to point primarily to effective repudiation of the agreements:

1. Whereby Poland was eventually put completely under government by Moscow-trained Communists rather than by the coalition of the more conservative exiled Polish government in London and the Lublin Committee of National Liberation.

2. Whereby South Sakhalin and Kurile Islands were handed over to the Soviet Union, and

3. Whereby Soviet authorities were given a dominant position in Chinese Manchuria.

It is fully recognized here that there is no question of demanding or enforcing an immediate giving up of these acquisitions by the Soviet Union and the Communist governments associated with it.

The resolution is, however, regarded as of immediate importance in the campaign of psychological warfare now being built up against Soviet policies in Europe and Asia.

ORIGINAL PROMISE

The resolution has to be interpreted in the original promise made by General Eisenhower as a Presidential candidate on August 25, 1952, when he defined the following as a matter of immediate urgency to be done without delay:

"Our government, once and for all and with cold finality, must tell the Kremlin that we shall never recognize the

CPS PURCHASE A LINER

London, Feb. 16. The Canadian Pacific Steamship Company announced today that it had brought the liner De Grasse from the French Lines to replace the Empress of Canada, which burned at Liverpool last month.

The De Grasse will go into service on April 25.—United Press.

Dust Storm Hits Texas

Chicago, Feb. 16.

The worst dust storm in 30 years covered two-thirds of Texas today while a snowstorm hit the Mid-West, and a bone chilling cold wave moved down from Canada.

In Texas weathermen said that the storm was the worst since the days of the great "Dust Bowl" during the severe drought of the 1930's.

To the north the high winds had subsided after ripping up the top-soil of the winter wheat country. Wheat prices on the Chicago Board of Trade rose with the expectation that crop damage would cut the supply.

A band of snow 200 miles wide extended from the Illinois border along the Mississippi River all the way to Eastern Ohio, packing snow and ice on the highways and slowing traffic to a crawl in many directions.

United States weather forecasters at Chicago said that the storm was centered over Central Illinois and that it was moving rapidly eastward. Temperatures of 12 below were forecast for Northern Illinois on Monday night.—United Press.

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Mr Adlai Stevenson Coming To HK

Washington, Feb. 16. The unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the American Presidency, Mr. Adlai Stevenson, will visit Hongkong during the course of a Far Eastern tour in March, it was revealed here today.

Before leaving, Mr. Stevenson will confer with leading United States officials, including President Eisenhower as well as with representatives of the countries he intends to visit.

Tomorrow, Mr. Stevenson will lunch with President Eisenhower at the White House where a number of Republican and Democratic Congressmen have been invited in his honour.

Mr. Stevenson is due to leave San Francisco by plane on March 10. After stopping over in Hawaii, he plans to visit Korea, Formosa, the Philippines, Hongkong, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaya, Indonesia and Burma before going to India, where he is expected about May. He will then proceed to Pakistan and Ceylon and from there will go to the Middle East and Europe. He hopes to be back in Washington sometime in August.—France-Press.

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Inventor's Claim

Tel Aviv, Feb. 16. Israeli authorities have granted a patent to a local inventor for his hydraulically driven differential—a unit which, it is claimed, will make possible the manufacture of a car without clutch, drive-shaft, gear box or conventional brakes.

Dov Bankoreh, owner of a water pump and machine works near Tel Aviv, told newsmen that motor-cars constructed according to the principles worked out by him could be built quicker, at lower cost, and be as efficient as traditional cars.

He explained that his patent "provides a power supply to the car's rear wheels by an hydraulic pump carrying oil through small hydraulic motors attached to the wheels."

This pressure would drive the wheels forward, Bankoreh declared.

He added: "By regulating the direction of the flow of the fluid through differential turbines, the car can be reversed. To bring the car to a halt the fluid supply is turned off and hydraulic pressure against the speed bands will bring the car to a complete stop."

Hoist By His Own Petard

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16. Hal Sours, former Ohio highway director, today became the victim of his own ingenuity.

He was fined \$10 for driving 48 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone after he was trapped by a speed device which he had installed.—United Press.

Asks Ban On Soviet Reporters

Washington, Feb. 16. Senator Charles Tobey today renewed the demand that reporters for Russian news agencies be barred from covering Congressional proceedings.

He said: "What suckers we in America are when we allow access to our hearings to representatives of Texas, Nevada and Izvestia."

At least two Soviet reporters covered practically every Committee hearing including those of the Foreign Relations Committee, he continued.

In fact, one is in the gallery right now taking notes on what I am saying.

(This apparently referred to J. Montgomery, representative of the Soviet news agency Tass.) The American Society of Newspaper Editors last year urged that Soviet correspondents be barred from Congressional press galleries.

However, the committee of American reporters who regulate gallery admissions voted against this on the grounds that freedom of the Press would not be advanced by abridging freedom for any segment of the Press.—United Press.

American Ships For Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 16. The United States Navy turned over a second batch of landing ships and a patrol frigate to Japan at Yokosuka Naval Base today.

Washington, Feb. 16. Strong criticism of Britain's Colombo Plan of economic assistance to Southeast Asia and the United States Point Four Programme for backward areas came tonight from Mr Morris Dodd, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

He said in a speech here that both programmes were spending huge sums of money which had the effect of interfering with F.A.O.'s own technical assistance work in undeveloped regions.

The Colombo Plan and the Point Four programme, were based on political considerations and were pouring money into other countries, he said.

"Once you are granted the huge sums, you feel that you have to spend them within a certain period of time and frequently the countries and projects are not ready for expenditures of that size," he declared.

"You can't wave a wand tipped with a dollar sign and expect things to happen overnight," he added.

On the other hand, F.A.O.'s assistance schemes were founded on no political considerations, Mr Dodd said. They required a country receiving help to pay a large amount of the cost of the programme from which it was receiving benefit.

"There is no question but that there is a huge amount to be done in this world in the way of technical assistance for economic development," Mr Dodd said.

NOT THE ANSWER
"But the answer is not necessarily huge sums of money. The kind of thinking that asks for huge sums because there is so much to be done is what gets us into trouble."

The United States' political objective was to stem the tide of Communism. Britain's objective was to strengthen the British Commonwealth, Mr Dodd said.

"The point I am making is that in a technical organisation where many countries decide jointly on policies and programmes, you cannot very well use political objectives as the primary motivation for the work," he said.

"A given political objective will probably not seem so urgent to some member countries as to others. But the original concept—that certain things need to be done to lift great segments of mankind to higher levels of well-being and achievement if there is to be any lasting peace in the world—appeals to all the member countries."

TOO MUCH HURRY
He hoped that member countries of F.A.O. would try to work closely with the organization so there would be a minimum of conflict and duplication.

Mr Dodd added: "On the basis of our experience in F.A.O., we feel that the most successful results in technical assistance are likely to come when we meet only that part of the cost of a programme which cannot be met from the resources of the country itself."

Frequently that is the smaller part of the cost. Mr Dodd said the political objectives of the Point Four programme and the Colombo Plan might be thoroughly worthwhile and necessary, "but it puts you in a state of mind where you are in a hurry to get things done—much more of a hurry than nature is."

He added: "We understand why people running such programmes often seem to be in a hurry, but we plead with them not to push us out of the picture."

"We plead with them to remember that in the long run a programme in which many nations co-operate, and for which even the receiving countries pay a large part of the costs of most programmes may, in the long run, be as sound as one in which you try to do everything all at once."

AID TO PAKISTAN

Decen, Feb. 16. An increase of food production in Eastern Bengal was discussed at a conference today between the Provincial Government and a Canadian agricultural mission which arrived here last Saturday.

The Canadian mission will make a tour of Eastern Bengal to study the possibilities of assistance under the terms of the Colombo Plan for agricultural development in the area.

The Provincial Government would also like to procure tractors, motor-pumps and other agricultural machinery from Canada for reclamation and development on wasteland to augment the present "Grow More Food" campaign.

It is stated here that Eastern Pakistan is facing a food shortage this year as it cannot rely on the usual supply of 300,000 tons of rice from West Pakistan following the deterioration of conditions in the latter province.—France-Press.

Canadian Premier's Appeal

Ottawa, Feb. 16. The Prime Minister, Mr Louis St. Laurent, last night called on Canada and other Western Nations to earn the friendship and respect of the peoples of Asia as a major step toward world peace and brotherhood.

In a radio address, the Prime Minister said success in such a venture would mean "we will no longer need to observe Brotherhood Week."

"True brotherhood will then be practised the year round," he added.

Warning against "bigots and false prophets" who seek to divide classes, races and creeds, the Prime Minister said Canadians should guard their common citizenship and the nation's unity vigilantly.

In winning the friendship of millions of Asians who "in this divided world are not sure which way to turn," he said, "Canadians should act 'in the true and wholesome spirit of brotherhood'."

"If we are successful in winning the friendship of these millions by helping them to defeat the evils of poverty and despair, then I believe the universal trust and friendship engendered will rapidly vanquish the hatreds which exist today."—United Press.

Controversial Appointment By Eisenhower

Washington, Feb. 16. President Eisenhower sent to the Senate today the nomination of Mrs Clare Boothe Luce as Ambassador to Italy.

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French Are Fighting 'Invisible' War In Indo-China

TALKS ON ASIAN DEFENCE

London, Feb. 16. Five-Power talks on the establishment of a military liaison group for the defence of South-East Asia are likely to begin in Washington soon, a usually well-informed source said today.

Representatives of the United States, France, Britain, Australia and New Zealand will take part in the talks.

The plan to create a five-power council emerged from discussions between Britain, France and the United States at the NATO Council meeting held in Paris last December.

The two British Dominions were later invited to take part in the proposed liaison group which is not connected in any way, at any rate at this stage, with the ANZUS Pacific Defence Pact.

Usually well-informed sources said the discussions now going on between the five powers in Washington concern only preliminary questions and have been conducted through diplomatic channels.

More formal talks between the five powers will open when the preliminary exchanges of views about its scope are complete.—Reuter.

Unique Find In America

Albuquerque, Feb. 16. A bone believed to be the rib of Folsom Man—a nomad who roamed this area of New Mexico before the Indians—has been found by anthropologists, it was announced today.

The bone would be the first ever discovered of Folsom Man.

Evidence of the hunting camps of Folsom Man was first found near Folsom, New Mexico, in 1926 and the period of the prehistoric race's occupancy of the area was set at about 10,000 years ago.

Dr. Frank Hibben, of the University of New Mexico's Anthropology Department, said that the clay deposit where the rib was found indicated that the bone had been buried about that long.—United Press.

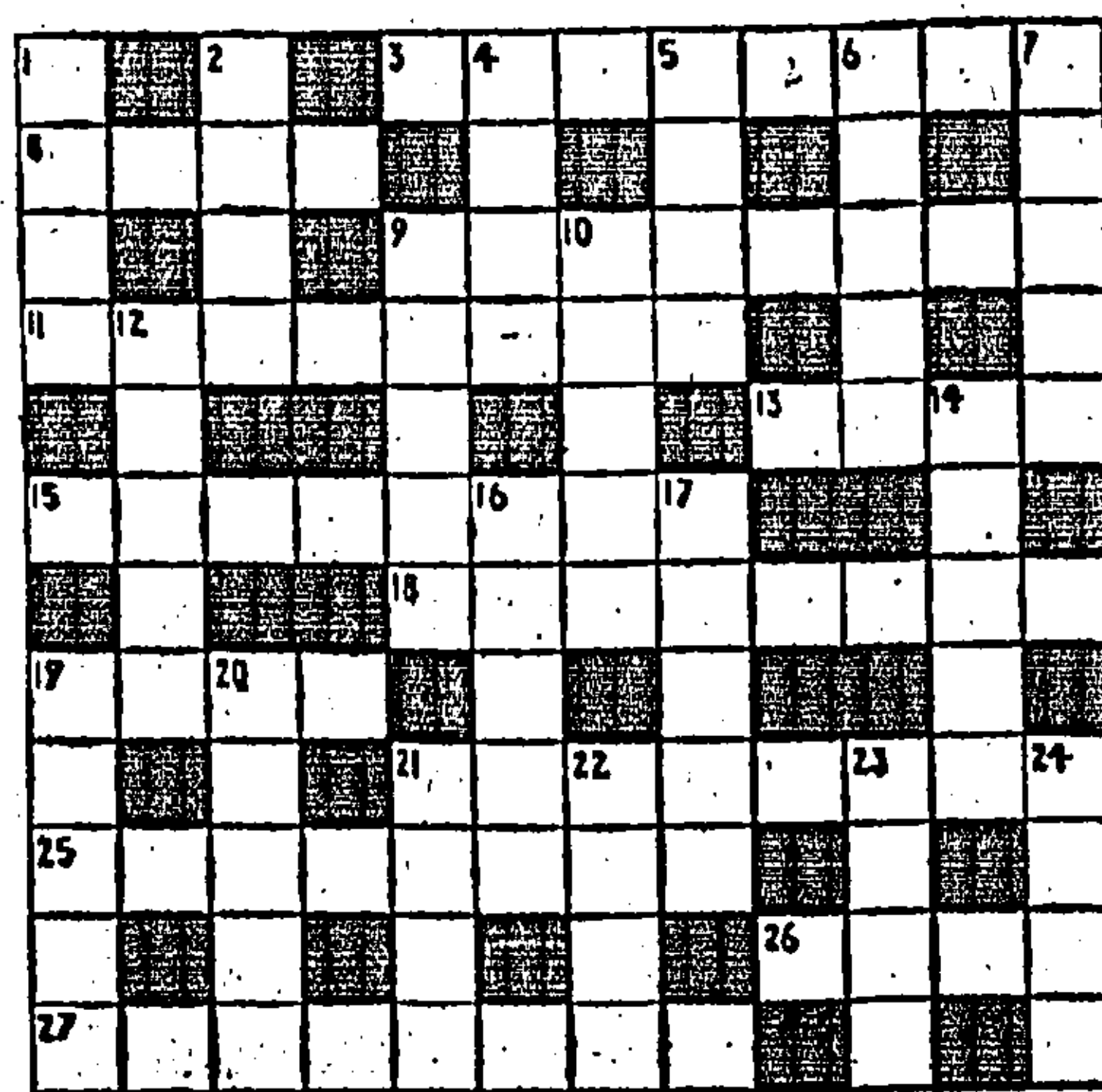
EXTENSION OF PAROLE

Bonn, Feb. 16. The medical parole of former German Field-Marshal Erich von Manstein has been extended for another month, British authorities said today.

Manstein was granted a medical parole last August 20 for a catarrh operation in a kidney.

Before his parole, he was serving a 12-year sentence at the British war crimes prison at Weir for atrocities committed by his troops in Russia.—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

- 3 Syrup from raw sugar.
- 8 Origin.
- 9 Indications.
- 11 Exalted.
- 13 Small nail.
- 15 Artist in stone.
- 16 "Cushy job."
- 18 Unoccupied.
- 21 Turned aside.
- 23 Passage.
- 26 Present.
- 27 Determined.

- 1 Genuine.
- 2 Breakwater.
- 4 Fail to include.
- 5 Greedy.
- 6 Perpendicular.
- 7 Cluttered.
- 9 Discourages.
- 10 Fruit.
- 12 Clear.
- 14 Tally.
- 15 Shy.
- 17 Allude.
- 19 Bring on.
- 20 Lies in wait.
- 21 Face.
- 22 Revert.
- 24 Tally.
- 25 Tax.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Custom, 4 Scrub, 7 Abridged, 8 Doll, 9 Sista, 11 Tatum, 13 Topped, 15 Ardent, 16 Linn, 19 Champion, 21 Deter, 23 Toller, 25 Down, 1. Cass, 2 Tote, 3 Migrate, 4 Sudden, 5 Recourse, 6 Down, 10 Exponent, 12 Adamant, 13 Toller, 14 Lancer, 16 Depot, 17 Toler.

Belgian King's Holiday On Riviera



Frequent visits abroad by the youthful King Baudouin of Belgium, including a trip to France during the recent floods, have aroused much criticism of the monarch in Brussels. Here King Baudouin (left) is shown during his trip to Cap d'Antibes, on the French Riviera, with his brother, the Prince of Liege (right), his father, ex-King Leopold, and the latter's wife, the Princess de Rethy.—Express Photo.

Press In Britain Changes View On Federation

London, Feb. 6.

Surfeited with weeks of communiques and speculation about Central African Federation, British newspapers did not react on a big scale to the publication of the White Paper on the subject.

And this despite the fact that the British Government, with whom the final word lies, made it clear that the Scheme which emerged from the month-long deliberations in Carlton House Terrace was a case of "now or never".

The "Financial Times" looked at the situation from an economist's point of view. The main argument in favour of federation, it said, was economic and it quoted the White Paper's comment that the individual economies of the three territories involved are "ill-balanced and ill-equipped to withstand the strong economic pressures of a changing world."

The newspaper gave its blessing to the Scheme, describing it "as good as human hands can make it."

It commented: "Certain schemes of economic development can only be pushed forward by the three territories together. Only together can they hope to attract the capital which will be needed to raise the standard of living."

The economic arguments in favour of federation, it said, were overwhelming. But it added this warning: "When placed in their political and social context the loss of some of their force. There is a risk that the economic advantages of federation will be neutralised by opposition from the Africans. On the other hand if federation is not imposed, not only are the chances of economic advancement narrowed almost to vanishing point, but there are great political risks too."

NO DOUBT

"Southern Rhodesia will almost certainly gravitate to the economic and social sphere of South Africa. In these circumstances the course which is most hopeful for the future in itself is the one which should be chosen. There is no doubt that this is the way of federation."

On the whole, Press opinions on federation have been considerably modified. This is apparent from the White Paper's assurance that African safeguards will remain as regulations.

Parents of most of the pupils have refused to send their children to Government-run or missionary schools.

The Education Office, said Mr Hartwell, told the African leaders that although the new Scheme does not deprive the Africans of any existing rights and privilege, "it offers no reliable means by which existing rights—including an appropriate share in the government—may be extended in an orderly and constitutional way as African advancement justifies it if European opinion is adverse."

It demanded too: "Is nothing whatever to be done to lift African opinion here that there is a serious danger—it would be too much at this time to call it a certainty—that African hostility may be far more than a splutter of discontent from the articulate fringe that it may go so deep and spread so wide that, even if it cannot prevent the federation from coming into being, it may sap it of its strength and vitality."

"That is a real danger, and one can see no reflection of it

German Envoys To Consult With Adenauer

London, Feb. 16. Herr Hans Schlange-Schoeninger, Germany's diplomatic representative here, flies to Bonn tomorrow to attend a conference of West German envoys abroad.

Heads of missions in most European capitals, as well as those from the United States and Turkey, will attend.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor and Foreign Minister, will preside.

The meeting, expected to last nearly a week, will have no formal agenda, but high on the list for discussion will be estimates of American foreign policy changes resulting from the installation of the Republican Administration.—Reuter.

Boycott By Arabs Unlikely

German Economist Gives Views

Frankfurt, Feb. 16. The leader of the German trade delegation to Egypt said on his return here from Cairo today that he did not consider the trade talks had broken down and added that he did not expect an Arab boycott of German goods.

The State Secretary of the Economic Ministry, Dr Ludger Westerick, said in an airport interview that negotiations in Cairo were conducted in a friendly atmosphere. The Egyptian Premier, General Mohammed Naguib, had assured him that all problems would be overcome through the solid foundation of Arab-German friendship, Dr Westerick said.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry announced last Wednesday that it would conduct no more negotiations with the West German trade team and that the Egyptian trade delegation would begin the next day.

Meanwhile, a message from Cairo states that considerable progress had been made toward a commercial agreement between Egypt and East Germany. The East German trade delegation held a lengthy meeting with the representatives of the Egyptian Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Industry and Commerce.

These sources said that another meeting would be held on February 18 and that the talks might wind up then.

The broad outlines of a commercial agreement would see Egypt export large quantities of cotton, manganese, phosphates and onions while the Communist State would send cars, printing presses and other machinery to Egypt.

It is not immediately clear whether trade would be on a barter or credit basis in terms of Egyptian pounds.—United Press.

New Red University

London, Feb. 16. The library of Moscow's new university will have 1,200,000 books and will occupy 10 floors of the skyscraper building, now nearing completion, according to Moscow Radio.—Reuter.

ECONOMIC CHAOS IN S. KOREA

Pusan, Feb. 17.

The Government proclaimed a state of emergency yesterday and ordered national police to act against hoarders and black marketeers as prices spiraled fantastically in the wake of a sudden currency reform.

The price of rice—Korea's staple of life—shot up from a free market rate of about \$2 to nearly \$50 for a 10.5-pound measure. Nearly all markets closed.

The currency reform, announced on Sunday, is a call-in of the inflated won currency for a new issue, hwan—at a 100 for 1 rate. The official exchange rate for the new money will be 100 won to \$1 instead of 6,000 won to \$1.

The won was selling for as much as 30,000 to \$1.

National Assembly leaders attacked President Syngman Rhee for the sudden financial move.—Associated Press.

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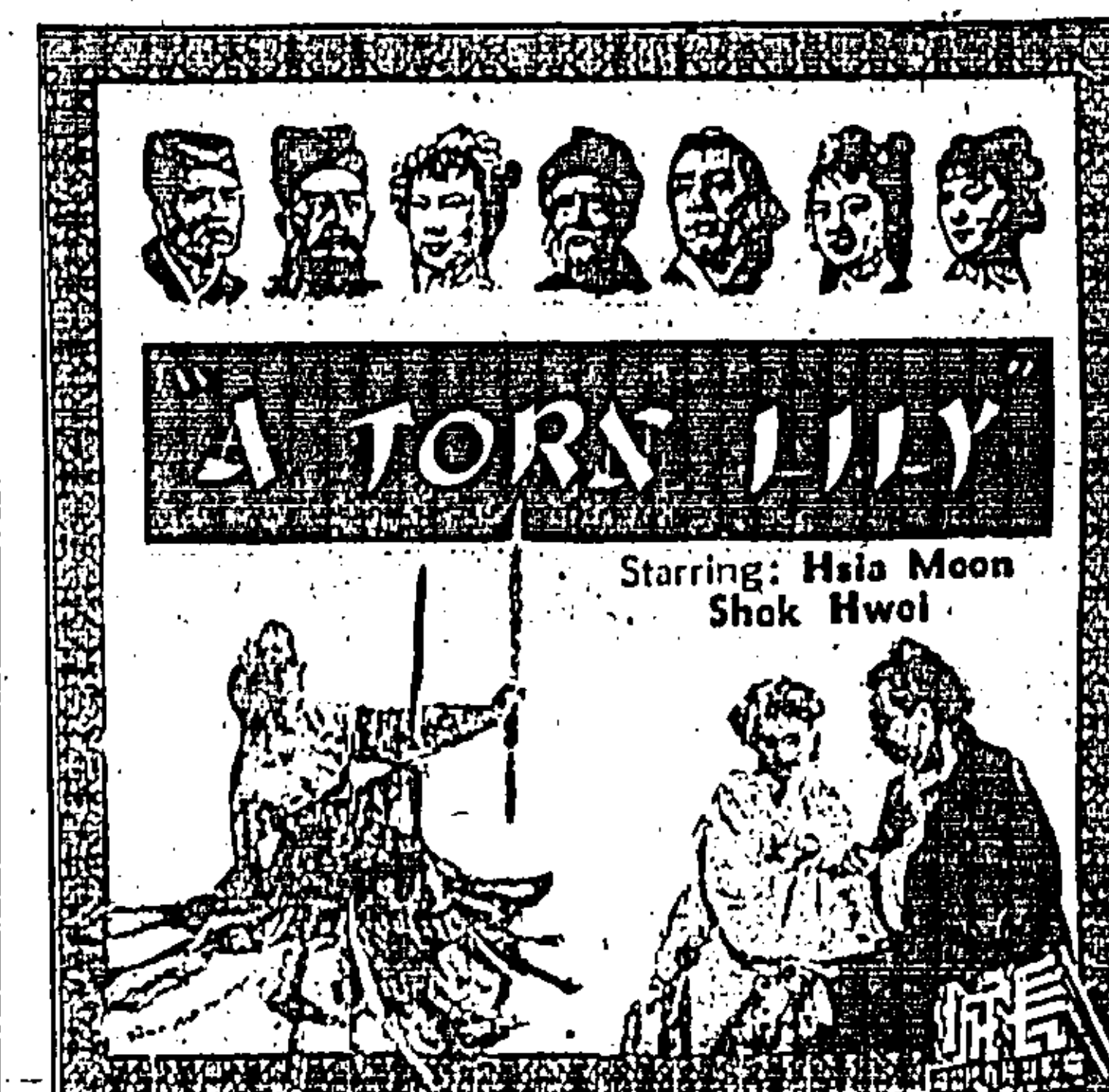
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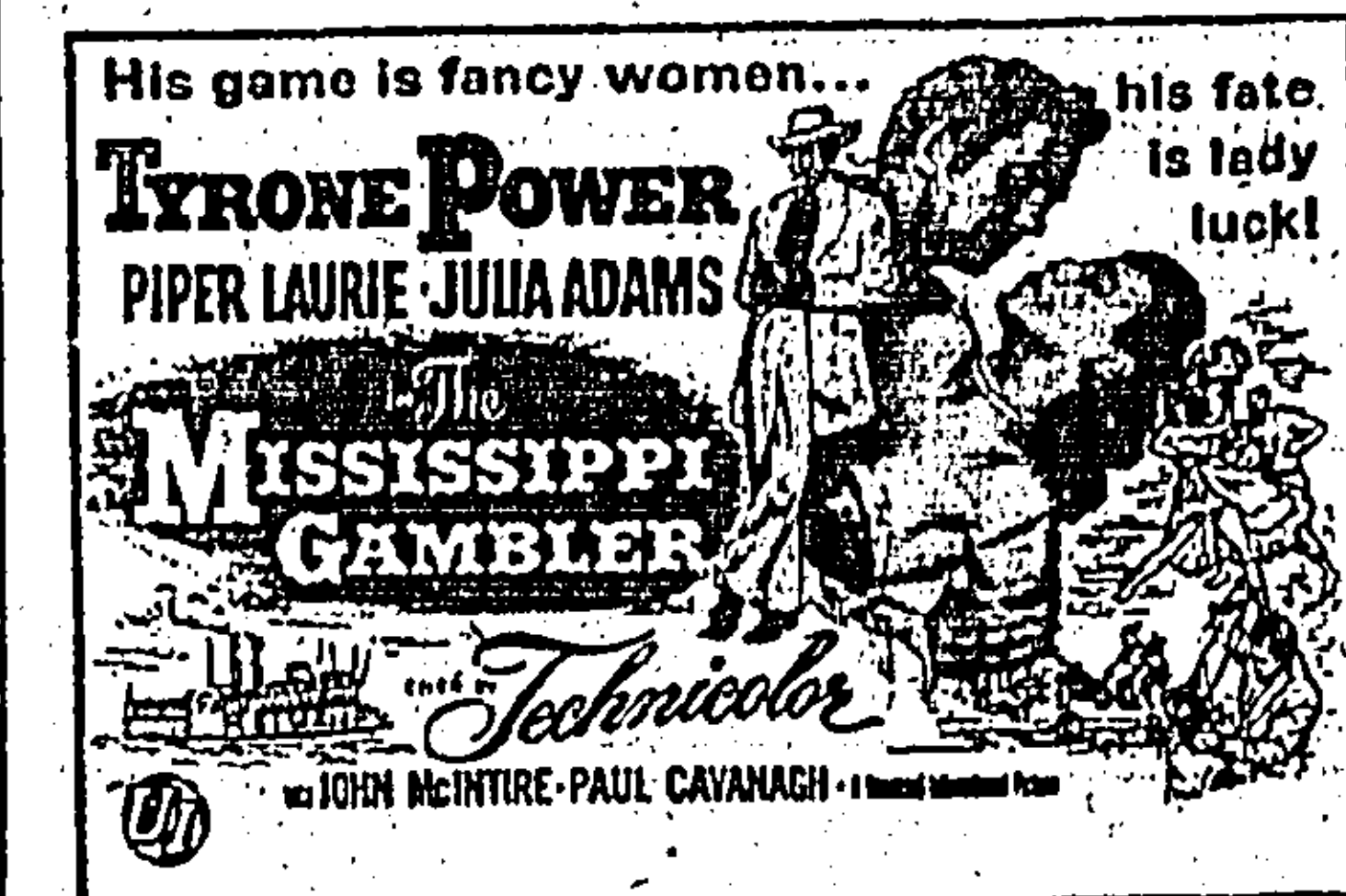
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EROS ALMOST RUINED HIM

London's Piccadilly Circus has an empty sort of look these days now that its famous Eros statue is missing from its fountain there. Down at a South Lambeth foundry it lies on a pile of sandbags awaiting repairs and renovations. Other workmen labour to make the fountain spurt water in the way the sculptor designed, so in due course Eros will preside over the Circus on time for the Coronation, and London will be itself once more.

Few who pass Eros daily are aware that it is actually a memorial to a famous man whose creation of it almost ruined him; that there was after all a happy ending to a most unhappy story.

Eros commemorates the great and good seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, who spent his life agitating against the abuses in the new factory system brought about by the Industrial Revolution—a man who left behind him a record of philanthropy unequalled in Britain's history.

Our Victorian forbears gave unflinching support to the plan to erect a monument to his fame and sacrifice. The late Sir Alfred Gilbert, R.A., modelled it, and his Eros met with general approval. Then came the storm. Gilbert was no business-man, and had spent lavishly on the fountain. It was pointed out to him that this was not in the contract, and the authorities asked him to foot the bill.

MAN OF HONOUR

A man of honour, Gilbert resigned from the Royal Academy and went to live on the Continent in self-imposed exile. Shortly after the end of the 1914 war, it became necessary to rebuild Piccadilly Circus tube station, which meant the temporary disfigurement of Eros from above his bronze basin of unhappy memory.

Quite a lot needed doing to renovate and replace Eros to his former dignity, at the same time that the nation desired to erect elsewhere a monument to the beloved Queen Alexandra, mother of King George V. Gilbert was the man who was needed for this, they said, and quite a lot of his sympathisers recalled that he was still living

in Bude. This reached Royal ears, and King George persuaded Gilbert to terminate his exile and return to perform this work.

Gilbert acquiesced. Eros was replaced to the satisfaction of all concerned, whilst the nation approved of his memorial to the King's mother. Thus happily ended an unhappy story. Gilbert was knighted for his services to art and readmitted to the select circle of the Royal Academy.

Over The Pole Service

Britain's new prop-jet airliner, the Bristol Britannia, which will pioneer Britain's "over the North Pole" service to the Far East, is being submitted to rigorous trials.

After an intensive flight-test programme the original Britannia prototype which flew at the Farnborough air show last year is now grounded. In a hangar at Filton, Bristol, it is being submitted to specially devised tests.

The strain on various parts of the aircraft has been measured as special "exciters" vibrate the machine through the undercarriage supports. Work has also started on the second Britannia prototype which includes several modifications. It is fitted with a special "magic eye" in the nose. This warns the pilot if there is cloud or another aircraft in front.

Experts who have studied the first test results on the new propeller-jet airliner believe that it will be as popular as the Comet has proved on the world market.



PARADE OF THE HOME GUARD

Red Army Leaders Take Precautions

By PATRICK MAITLAND, M. P.

LATEST news of the Soviet purge stresses its basically military character.

Arrests are now located in three specific territories of the USSR.

These areas mark the possible approaches toward her industrial heart which lie open to maritime powers using sea-based, then land-based, aircraft for waging battle to control the skies.

Firstly, there is trouble in the Ukraine, accessible from the Black Sea should the Western Powers once neutralise Bulgaria and secure the Turkish Straits. Trouble is also located in Lithuania, flanking the Baltic approaches to Leningrad, where there is known to be a restive population and over whose territory Soviet and American aircraft clashed rather more than a year ago. Finally, there is trouble in Leningrad itself.

But to discern the military nature of the purge, it is necessary to review some of the background, and follow the complicated pattern of conflicting policies which so often have led to the sudden disappearance of former Red brasses.

Purge Victim

IN this connection, the identification of another purge victim was confirmed recently when a newcomer, Mr Mikhailov, was chosen for the honour of delivering the Lenin Anniversary Oration at the Marx-Engels-Lenin Academy.

The previous two years the orator was Peter N. Pospelov, Director of the Institute. Pospelov's dismissal now emerges from the terse mention of another man's name as director.

Pospelov's offence is that he has until lately supported the theories of Nikolai Voznessensky, former Politbureau member, Chief of the State Planning Commission, and Vice-Premier, until stripped of these honours in March 1949.

Voznessensky has continued in private to argue his theories that full Com-

munist and an easier time for all are not far away.

Pospelov, in his 1952 Lenin Anniversary oration, proclaimed the Voznessensky line: "Today we may say that Communism is no longer a goal of the distant future."

Mikhailov's theme on January 21, however, was an attack on laziness in the name of class war. The significance of this in the whole pattern relates to earlier events.

Shortcomings

IN recent months, it has been evident that serious shortcomings in the Soviet system were being either tackled, or exploited, for political ends.

For instance, last October's 19th Communist Party Congress was prefaced by local assemblies throughout the Union. At each, the leading Party members denounced bureaucracy and attacked all who had kept to their desks instead of keeping in touch with the masses. In this race to accuse one another, it was often a matter of chance whether a particular person so attacked had been guilty of the offence.

But the upshot was a nation-wide indiscriminate campaign against bureaucracy. The impression was created, that the Party Congress, when it convened, would voice the sense of the people. Thus—so it was believed—would the democratic character of the regime be proven to all.

However, once the Congress assembled, it turned out that this artificial campaign was to be set to another use, another target of denunciation slid gently into view.

A Division

THIS was disclosed by Marshal Stalin who contributed to the Party's intellectual organ *Bolshevik* a 50-page essay on "The Economic Problems of Socialism." Here is the gist.

Though Lenin had correctly foretold the ultimate decay of Capitalism, he had also recognised that it was for the present, gaining

strength; however, since the Second World War, the world's markets had been divided into a Socialist and a Capitalist sector. This division (which the West had imposed on the Russian bloc by economic sanctions) must be exploited to Socialist advantage so that the Socialist world could counter-attack and win Capitalist markets till Capitalism was brought to its knees. So the first task for Russia and her allies was to consolidate and develop their domestic economy and military strength.

Such a thesis came as a sharp disappointment to those who, intent on the propaganda campaign against bureaucratic blunders, now saw that it was intended as a vent for popular discontent as Stalin, quashing the belief that times would soon be easier, drove the people harder still.

Stalin argued, in effect, that the transition to better days must involve dislocation that would now be an economic extravagance; above all, that it could only be afforded when the country was safeguarded from within and without.

At the same time as Stalin's intimates knew that a conflict was shaping up, Red army and navy leaders now saw an opportunity.

Danger

IF a purge was coming, it might help the Forces if it could be so conducted that Beria and the chiefs of the Secret Police were brought under control.

The attack on Voznessensky and his theories, hidden beneath an allegation against foreign imperialism and, for a change, the Jews (the Red Army is as notoriously anti-Semitic as its Czarist predecessor) would serve several purposes. Demolish the power of the Secret Police, the Army's principal rival, and thereby eliminate a mortal danger!

Beria's Secret Police, who helped Malenkov to consolidate his position after Zhdanov's death in August 1948, are now themselves under fire.

Zhdanov, it is alleged, was murdered and the police are blamed for allowing this.

The Army makes the new change, associating its programme to gain power with an ideological campaign urging the people to work harder and raise the nation's military strength.

As the Army presses its case, attention is framed on political conditions along the military approaches to the industrial heart of the Union which still lie mainly to the West of the Ural Mountains. To the Army, there are areas of high strategic significance, which, above all else, must be safeguarded.

A BAD SIGN—WHEN TAXIMEN STAY MUM

Beverly Baxter reports on his return from New York

TO be debauched from a luxury liner to the open deck of a tender at six o'clock in the morning is a sobering experience. But that is the fate of those who travel in a French ship which merely pauses at Plymouth before proceeding to the comfortable noon arrival at Le Havre.

Yet psychologically it is not at all a bad thing to interpose a foreign interval while journeying from America to Britain. It is unfashionable now to say that everyone loves two countries—his own and France—but there is still some justification for that sentiment.

The French have a supreme gift for finding adventure in nothing. At dinner in the Liberte (once the German liner Europa) a Frenchwoman comes to the table delighted first that she is a woman. If she dines with her husband she is amused at the adventure of it. If he is not her husband then she is equally amused.

Jittery

NOW, to go back to the beginning, I found New York more jittery than on any of my visits since the end of the war. It is a bad sign when American taxi-drivers do not engage a stranger in conversation. This time the cabbies did not sing.

When I asked a friend for an explanation he answered that America is haunted by two spectres—war and peace. The Korean struggle is immensely unpopular because of the tragedy that it spreads in so many homes and because one can see an end to it. This is reflected in the thousands of deserters who do not respond to their call-up, and it would not be wise to put this down merely to cowardice.

The people say that President Eisenhower won the election by his pledge to go to Korea, a pledge which implied to the normal mind that he intended to do something about it. When I saw President Truman at the White House three years ago he showed me a large globe of the world on a swivel. "General Eisenhower gave this to me," he said, "and

I always keep facing me the part of the world where we expect trouble." The part was the Far East.

I do not know whether Mr Truman has taken the gift away with him. It is more likely that he left it behind for his successor to stare at.

Incidentally, a New Yorker who has lived on the fringe of world affairs for many years without holding any official position suggested to me that Japan might be invited to take over Korea by degrees. You will agree that it is a startling idea, full of political dynamite and shocking to the conscience.

"Japanese armament shares have had a sharp rise," he said suavely. I make no comment on his statement but merely put it on record.

And what about their fear of peace? Taxation and the cost of living are doing a nervous dance with wages and prices. The restaurants and theatres are crowded, the stores are booming, the women are spending more and more. But some of them are saying that it cannot go on.

A New York newspaper proprietor told me that his employees now work to a 36-hour week. In fear of what may lie ahead the unions are demanding more pay for less work. "It's cock-eyed," he declared.

Church pulls

BUT it is not only the night clubs and theatres that are crowded. The churches in America draw large and devout congregations despite the fact that the theatres and sporting events are allowed to compete with them.

On my last Sunday there I was one of a congregation of 1,500 people at St Bartholomew's Church in the morning; and I was one of the 12,000 people who saw Sedgman and McGregor, of Australia, take a sweet revenge that afternoon at Madison Square Garden over their professional American opponents Kramer and Segura.

On the previous day the Australians, making in New York their professional debut, were easily beaten and the newspapers pointed out the difference between the first-class amateur as opposed to the first-class professional.

On the Sunday afternoon, before a most sporting crowd,

McGregor went down to defeat again, but Sedgman, of Wimbledon fame, turned professional, into an old man and just to finish it off the two Australians played rings around the Americans in the doubles.

Let me repeat that the crowd, which had paid some £7,000 for the privilege, could not have been more full in their applause.

Phenomenon

THE next night I went to see the phenomenon of the new three-dimensional film which is exciting the whole of the cinema world. By the use of three cameras the full vision of the eye now comes into play and with the most startling results.

We did not look at the Canal in Venice; we went on it in a gondola. When he hopped across America in an aeroplane we seemed also to be in the air. If an oncoming train rushed towards us it was difficult for people to suppress a scream.

The immense curved screen fills the whole stage until you could show the Battle of Waterloo quite comfortably. But I am not quite sure what they will do when they want to show Wellington soliloquising.

There is no amber in New York's traffic lights. They show red, then green; which is faster and safer than our system. For some reason New York motorists, like motorists in Paris, drive on the horn. Plaquidity is added to the symphony because hooting after a certain period is illegal.

I'm sorry

I AM sorry for the poor little dogs taken out for a walk in the city streets, sans grass, sans trees, sans everything. I am sorry for the ever-expanding number of people who have to travel by underground like massed robots. I envy New Yorkers the view of the river that Sir Gladwyn Jebb showed me from his office. I love the angle of the night air when one walks home. I have no words to describe the kindness of New Yorkers when they are not being rude.

A great, noisy, courageous, cruel and fascinating place that dwarfs mankind with its towering majesty.

BORN TO WEALTH but never idle rich

By EVELYN IRONS

A PLACID, round-faced woman in the mid-sixties, with alert blue eyes glinting behind spectacles, sits comfortably on a chintz-covered sofa pouring out her favourite drink.

The drink is China tea; the woman is Mrs Winthrop W. Aldrich, wife of the millionaire-banker-philanthropist who is Eisenhower's Ambassador to the Court of St James.

As her plump, freckled hands dispose of the teacups, Mrs Aldrich says frankly: "My husband was due to retire from the presidency of the Chase Bank three years ago under the age limit." (He is a vigorous 67).

"Now he has this great new appointment. What a wonderful way to retire. And it is a wonderful thing for me, too."

Mrs Aldrich's sea-passage is booked for February 18.

No novelty

THE trip to England is no novelty to Mrs Aldrich, who is the daughter of a wealthy New York lawyer.

"Father took me and my two young sisters to Europe every year. The first time was so long ago I don't remember the date. With intervals caused by the wars I have been there nearly every summer since."

This time the journey means goodbye to four married daughters, a married son, Alexander, and ten grandchildren. It means packing possessions and dust sheeting the large, homely flat overlooking Central Park.

It means abandoning to a caretaker the seaside house and estate in Maine, where Mrs Aldrich loved to practise her favourite hobby—cooking.

There her husband went yachting. Mrs Aldrich, who followed the races by motorboat, enjoyed counselling American fish chowder or lobster stew in The Playhouse, a luxury but in the gardens,

where she had fitted up a kitchen.

Mrs Aldrich does not imagine she will get much chance of cooking at the American Embassy in London, but she faces squarely the prospect of being hostess at formal diplomatic receptions and dinners.

In the long, many-windowed drawing-room of her New York apartment hangs a painting. It shows a night scene just a few blocks away, but half a century distant in time, with men in frocks and top hats and women in sweeping skirts against a background of great houses.

One of those houses belonged to Cornelius Vanderbilt, and has long since been torn down to build a Fifth Avenue store. Another was the home of Mrs Charles B. Alexander, Mrs Aldrich's mother. It is now replaced by a plushy apartment in that hotel, with a huge ballroom and many servants.

Mrs Aldrich (then Harriet Alexander) was taught how to be a gracious hostess from the time when she was a day girl at the fashionable Spence school.

Mother's lesson

WHAT was the most important lesson her mother taught her? "She impressed us girls that we should always make a point of talking to any guest who appeared to be left out and ignored by others. She said this was not a boring obligation but often rewarding and interesting."

Mrs Aldrich has known nothing but extreme riches all her life, but she stresses that she has never been idle rich. "Wealth brings responsibilities," she holds.

She is not over-anxious and Londoners will not find her a leader of diplomatic fashion like Mrs. Macmillan; but they will certainly find her well-read, a woman who talks easily, making people feel instantly at home.

She has travelled widely in Europe, especially in France. She speaks French fluently and German nearly as well.

That picture of her old home is one of a large collection that she inherited or bought over the years and she is bringing it to London, with a prized portrait of her husband, by the British artist, Simon Elwes. This picture now hangs over the open fireplace in her sitting-room.

The art shows

MRS ALDRICH hopes she will be able to find time to visit art shows. "I always try to see current exhibitions. I enjoy buying pictures to add to my collection, but they must not be over-modern. Portraits of green-faced, one-eyed women pass me by."

She keeps up to date with her reading, preferring biography, history, essays. "A novel must be really outstanding or I am not interested." She named Churchill's war memoirs among her favourite books.

Mrs Aldrich asked me about the golf clubs around London. In the U.S., she and her husband play regularly at Piping Rock. Her handicap is 16. "It ought to be better. I still love the game, although maybe I'm getting a bit old for it."

War help

THESE are busy days for the new Ambassador's lady. Besides planning her wardrobe—she is taking several dresses bought on last summer's visit to Paris, and filling gaps from New York dress-houses—she has a round of committees to attend. Mrs Aldrich makes fluent speeches without self-consciousness and enjoys organising charitable events. She recalls that before America entered the war, and when it was not over-popular to take part in war activities, she was chairman of the Help England Ball at the Waldorf-Astoria, raising a large fund.

Mrs Aldrich is proud of one family link with the country where she starts a new career in her sixties. Her sister, Mrs Arnold Whitridge, married an American grandson of the English poet, Matthew Arnold.



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RARE TREAT FOR HONGKONG'S TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS

Hongkong tennis enthusiasts were given a rare treat when three international tennis stars gave a brilliant and delightful exhibition against local Champions at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday.

The visiting trio were Tony Mottram, British Champion, and his wife, Mrs Joy Mottram, member of the British Wightman Cup team, and Armando Vieira, Brazilian Champion.

They arrived by plane yesterday from Manila where Mrs Mottram won three titles in the

Philippines Tennis Tournament Championships, namely, the ladies' singles, mixed doubles and ladies' doubles.

Weather permitting, the visitors will give another exhibition at the Hongkong Cricket Club today, commencing at 3.15 p.m.

Armando Vieira had the crowd roaring with laughter with his funny antics and amusing chatter in a game in which he partnered Ip Koon-hung, the local Champion, against Tony Mottram and K. C. Dao (former Shanghai Champion). It was obvious from the start that the crowd was due for a pleasant surprise and Armando provided the amusing side with his comical gestures and unorthodox stroking while the other three played serious tennis.

In the curtain raiser, Mrs Joy Mottram had little difficulty in eliminating Mrs. Mary Chow, local Ladies' Champion, 6-2, 6-0.

ALL-ROUND SUPERIORITY

Mrs Mottram showed her superiority in every department of the game. She was especially strong overhead and her forehand drives also possessed considerable power.

She took three games before Mrs Chow won on her own service. Mrs Mottram then took the next game to lead 4-1, but the local Champion came back strongly to take the sixth. She was seen at her best in this game and the next which she lost after a gruelling base-line duel. Mrs Mottram speeded up and took the eighth game for set.

It was a walk-over for the visiting star in the next set which she won at love.

In the next exhibition, Tony Mottram shared honours with Ip Koon-hung 7-5. Mottram possessed a cannon-ball service and his overhead was almost faultless. His ground strokes were reliable and his volley—on the few occasions that he stormed the net—was deadly.

Ip played his usual steady game, showing brilliant stroking here and there.

Mottram lost the first game on his own service and Ip did likewise. Mottram again faltered in the third game and Ip went on to take the next two games in a row to lead 4-1. Mottram here fought back especially hard to take the next three games to even the score at 4-4, but Ip put on pressure and won the next two games fairly easily for the first set.

MOTTRAM BRILLIANT

After losing the first game, again on his own service, in the second set, Mottram went ahead to take the next two games, but Ip evened up. Game went with service until four-all was reached, when Mottram lost the vital ninth game on his own delivery. However, playing a still more aggressive game, the British Champion smashed through to win the next three games for set.

Both players employed the drop shot with considerable success, and both delighted with some brilliant display of cross-court drives.

In the next game between Mottram and K. C. Dao against Vieira and Ip Koon-hung, the crowd was kept alternately in spell-bound amazement at the brilliant display and in roaring laughter at the Brazilian Champion's antics.

It was obvious that Vieira is an expert at the game. He possessed a cannon-ball service, and smashed the ball with extra power. Although he appeared to be off form yesterday, the crowd was with him to the end.

His thunderous "cok" as he was passed or his apparent helplessness as he spread his hands before the crowd when he lost a shot provoked immense laughter. When he did get down to serious tennis, Vieira was almost unbeatable.

THE RESULTS

The full results were: Mrs Joy Mottram beat Mrs. Mary Chow 6-2, 6-0. Tony Mottram drew with Ip Koon-hung 7-5. Armando Vieira and Ip Koon-hung beat K. C. Dao and Mrs Joy Mottram 6-4, 6-3. Mrs Joy Mottram v. Mrs. Ip Koon-hung 7-5, 6-3.

TODAY'S GAMES

Weather permitting, the following is the programme for today's exhibition games at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, commencing at 3.15 p.m. Mrs Joy Mottram v. Tony Mottram v. Armando Vieira. Mrs Joy Mottram v. Mrs. Ip Koon-hung. Tony Mottram v. Armando Vieira and K. C. Dao v. Armando Vieira and Ip Koon-hung.

By Order,
H. MIDA,
Secretary.

TENNIS EXHIBITION



K. C. Dao, Tony Mottram, Ip Koon-hung and Armando Vieira at the exhibition matches at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday. Tony Mottram and K. C. Dao won the match 6-4, 6-3.—China Mail Photo.

AUSTRALIAN PRESS OPPOSES BAN ON FURUHASHI

Victorian Association To Review Decision

Melbourne, Feb. 16. Victorian State swimming authorities are to review their ban on the Japanese "Flying Fish," Hiroshi Furuhashi, which has caused one of the liveliest sporting controversies in Australia for years.

The President of the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association, Mr W. Wren, stated this today after the Australian Immigration Minister, Mr Holt, had said the Association's attitude showed no sportsmanship or toleration.

Comment published in the Australian press today from both individuals and organisations generally opposed the Association's decision to ban the Japanese champion from State swimming carnivals. Mr Wren said the Association wanted to avoid offending people who still had strong feelings against the Japanese pending a decision from the Government. He said the Immigration Minister had implied that it was desirable that Furuhashi should be allowed to swim at the Association's carnivals.

Furuhashi has not applied to compete at any carnivals. He concluded, "but if he does, his application will have to be considered."

Furuhashi, who is studying wool—classing at Geelong, 43 miles from Melbourne, said last week that he had not considered competing but would be prepared to give exhibitions at the Australian Championships in Sydney next week. The decision to invite him was made by the Executive of the Australian Swimming Union, which is opposed to the Victorian Association's attitude.

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By GEORGE CHANDLER

London, Feb. 16.

Soccer fans were busy on Monday telephoning bookmakers' offices in search of lucrative odds against the Arsenal Football Club achieving the "impossible" feat of becoming the first team of this century to win a Cup and League Championship double.

The bookies, however, are offering no better than 100-6 when the odds should be at least 50-1 if soccer history books are any guide.

Fans who insist on a price for the Cup alone will get no more than odds of 3-1.

Having eliminated their biggest threat, Burnley—a team that had not been defeated in 12 matches—on Saturday, experts believe that Arsenal will not only make their third Cup final appearance in four seasons at Wembley on May 2 but will equal Newcastle's record of four Wembley wins.

NO SECRET

Manager Tom Whittaker makes no secret of the fact that he considers his present team a greater side than that which won the Cup in 1930 and even better than the record-breaking team of the 1930-31 season which set a new League Championship record of 42 points from the season's 32 matches.

Last season, when the elusive double seemed to be within their grasp, Arsenal suffered a heavy crop of injuries and lost both the Cup and League Championship.

Asked what he thought of Arsenal's chances this season, the Arsenal's chief said: "After last season's experience—no comment. The subject is taboo in the dressing room."

SEEMS CERTAIN

Whatever the outcome of the Cup, one thing seems certain, namely, that this is probably the last season of the two weeks' interval between rounds, especially after the soccer marathon endured by Chelsea.

Prior to Saturday's fifth round match against Birmingham, the London club had engaged in two fourth round replays plus periods of 30 minutes' extra time in both matches which were played on ground left ankle deep in mud after the week-long heavy snowfalls.

The leg weary Chelsea players struggled gamely for the first 45 minutes of the first half in Saturday until nature exacted its toll and they collapsed to take a 4-0 beating.

Most experts are advocating a three weeks' interval between rounds and as Chelsea's experience is but one of several during the past few seasons, the legislators of the Football Association will undoubtedly be forced to bow to the weight of public opinion.—United Press.

LATEST ODDS

London, Feb. 16. London's two surviving teams for the quarter-finals of the Football Association Cup were installed first and second favourites at a Victoria Club callover on the Cup tonight. Arsenal are two to one favourites with Tottenham Hotspur nine to two.

Bolton Wanderers were best fancied of the other teams at 11 to two with Aston Villa seven to one, Blackpool nine to one, Birmingham 100 to 1, Everton 18 to 1, Gateshead 60 to 1 and Southampton 100 to 1.—Reuter.

"Spring Double" Business Negligible At The Victoria Club Callover

London, Feb. 16.

There was more interest in betting on the Football Association Cup than there was on the "Spring Double" events, the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Grand National Steeplechase, at the Victoria Club callover tonight.

Business was negligible on both races, The withdrawal of Legal Joy, last year's runner-up, from the year's National had little effect on backers though the favourite, Teal, and the next best, Witby, shortened one point each.

Quotations for most of the other leading National candidates were unchanged.

Lord Rosbery's Fastnet Rock became clear favourite for the flat race at 100 to 1. Langton, Brig and Dark Millionaire, who shared favouritism with Fastnet Rock last week, joined three others at 20 to 1.

Included among three newcomers to betting on the Lincolnshire was Cap of Gold at 25 to 1. Cap of Gold started co-favourite for last year's Cambridge Handicap.

Spring Day and Belby, are the other pair introduced into the Lincolnshire betting.

PRICES ON OFFER. Prices on offer at the end of tonight's session were: Lincolnshire Handicap (1 mile, Lincoln, March 25) 100 to 1 Fastnet Rock;

20 to 1 Langton, Brig, Dark Millionaire, Stranger, Cockfosters and Garston Hawk;

25 to 1 Caerlaverock, Chivalry, La Princesse, Kelbeck, Clansman, Silver, Span, Spring Day, Hare Tote and Cap of Gold;

33 to 1 Pond Condor, Capsize and Belby. Grand National Steeplechase (4 miles, 850 yards, Aintree, March 20), 8 to 1 Teal;

100 to 1 Witby;

100 to 1 Lucky Dome;

20 to 1 Whispring Steel and Royal Tan;

25 to 1 Mont Tremblant, Cardinal Error, Stormhead and Wot No Sun;

38 to 1 Shock Tactics, Early Mist, Head Crest, Flaming Mac and Ballymagellan.—Reuter.

H.K. BISLEY

WILTS TEAM WIN THE SADICK CUP

The Hongkong Bisley, an annual event organised by the Hongkong Rifle Association, commenced yesterday at Kai Tak range. It was the first day of the shoot which will last for one week.

There is marked enthusiasm in this year's Hongkong Bisley. Meet. In the Services Section, 46 teams entered compared with only 30 in 1952. In the same section there are close to 200 entries for the Individual Championship. Besides the rifle shoot, four Service teams entered the new Service competition.

In the Colony Championship open to all range enthusiasts, there are 80 contestants for the coveted honour of being The Governor's XX Marksmen of the Colony. Last year there were only 40 competitors.

Major R. C. Cradock, GOC Land Forces, accompanied by Col R. F. Luck of HQ Land Forces, paid a short visit to the range shortly after the commencement of the first event and he showed great interest in the competition.

It was not an ideal day for shooting. The weather was hazy and cloudy in the morning. There was moderate to strong northerly wind blowing that added to the annoyance of the competitors. The weather improved somewhat towards midday but the sky was still overcast. Towards the end of the day it became more dull. There was a slight cross wind but it was not of sufficient force to be a factor in either accurate shooting.

Range arrangements and control were excellent and, according to Mr Wong Bor, President of the Hongkong Rifle Association, the success of yesterday's shoot was chiefly due to the range officers. Major Saunders of the 7th Royal Tank Regiment, who is the chief range officer, had a hand in the matter with his 118 men at the range before the start of the Bisley.

The main event yesterday was the Services Team shoot. The scores registered by each of the four members of the team went also towards the Services Individual Championship. O. A. Bottomley of HMS Birmingham, who came first in the latter event, scored 124 points, which is one point better than last year's winner (Col Black of 1st Middlesex Regiment), despite adverse weather conditions. Sgt McCleave of HMS Tamar also scored 124 to become runner-up.

In the Services Team shoot, a foursome from the Hongkong Regiment came fifth, only 20 points behind the winners, of the Sadick Cup, the 1st Wiltshire Regiment "A", whose score was 431.

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A MEMORABLE TRIUMPH THREE GOALS IN THE FIRST 17 MINUTES OF PLAY— AND HONGKONG WINS 5-2

By "SPIV"

Hongkong achieved yesterday another memorable feat in the annals of her soccer history when the Colony's Selection XI handed to the touring Austrian Linzer Athletik Sport Klub the first defeat of their Far Eastern tour.

Striking like a flash of lightning, the local XI scored three goals without reply in the first 17 minutes of play. As the visitors rallied back from this early setback, the match deteriorated into a number of unpleasant incidents and ended farcically with LASK playing only with eight men and Hongkong the winners by five goals to two.

Incessant appeals against the decisions of the referee marred the greater part of the game and culminated in what was probably an unprecedented action by a referee in a match between Hongkong and a visiting team when referee Sammy Tsang ordered the LASK inside-left, Zechmeister, off the field in the 20th minute of the second half.

Hongkong were then leading by 4-2 and were on the verge of netting their fifth goal when Au Chi-yin was tripped inside the penalty area. The referee had no hesitation in pointing to the "spot" and ordered a re-kick after the first kick had been stopped by the LASK goalkeeper, apparently for an infringement of moving by the goalkeeper before the kick.

Just as the re-kick was to be taken, Zechmeister kicked the ball into his own goal and was asked to leave the field by the referee.

Earlier in the game just before the interval, left-back Fuchs sustained a thigh injury and left the field and towards the end of the game the visitors sustained another casualty in Schmidhofer.

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

On the whole the game yesterday was well handled by referee Sammy Tsang, and although a few minor infringements could have been attributed to robust play, he was fully justified in pulling up the visitors frequently for doubtful tactics in the close tangle, which though not dangerous in themselves were decidedly unfair to their opponents.

However, language difficulties constituted a major cause of the misunderstandings between the referee and the visiting players. Despite the incidents, the Hongkong Selection XI were full value for their victory. Utilising their speed to the greatest advantage, they time and again pierced the scant three-man defence of the visitors.

The match was a personal triumph for centre-forward Au Chi-yin who scored the hat-trick, and both Yiu Cheuk-yin and Hau Ching-to were constant menaces to the Austrian defence.

The Austrians, though defeated, gave a fine exhibition of ball control and accurate short passes, but found themselves against a Hongkong defence whose close marking provided an adequate answer.

Ko Po-keung gave another grand performance at centre-half, and Pau King-yin in goal brought out a number of spectacular saves.

Armstrong at right-back, however, was a little on the slow side, and Davis at right-half found himself a little lost against the unaccustomed tactics of the visitors.

Much of the success of the Hongkong defence could be attributed to the hard work of the inside, McGregor and Yiu Cheuk-yin, in coming back to the defence. Individually the visitors were superior to the Hongkong players and their defeat was principally due to the unsuccessful defence formation of the forward centre-half.

The inside were seldom seen tackling back in the defence and for the greater part of the game only the two backs and the centre-half made up the defence.

THE GOALS
Hongkong kicked off against the Club end and immediately took up a lightning offensive which ended with Au Chi-yin tapping the ball past the opposing goalkeeper off a short pass from Hau Ching-to, only to be ruled offside.

Continuing their attack, the Hongkong forwards were all over the Austrian goalmouth in the next three minutes. McGregor was tackled near the goalmouth in his run-through, and the ball deflected to Hau Ching-to, whose centre met with a beautiful header by Au Chi-yin, but went just past the goalmouth.

At the other end Pau held a high centre, from left-wing Weinzierl, and made a good save immediately afterwards, when he held a strong ground drive from the edge of the box by inside-right Teintzler.

A forward through pass found Pau just in time to clear the

ball from centre-forward Haril, but his clearance went to inside-right Teintzler whose grounder was well held by him.

In the 10th minute, Hongkong opened the scoring. Receiving a wing pass from left-half Santos, Ho Ying-fan made his way along the touchline and sent in a low centre which Yiu Cheuk-yin volleyed on the run into the net.

Five minutes later, Hongkong increased their lead through Au Chi-yin, who nicely trapped a long high centre over the head of the right-back by Ho Ying-fan from the right and beat the goalkeeper with a fast left-footed grounder.

Two minutes later, Au gave Hongkong a 3-0 lead, when he snapped a short pass from Yiu Cheuk-yin inside the box and sent the ball into the net with a neat cross shot.

The Austrians got moving with their coordinated moves and had the attack for the next five minutes, but two good attempts by their inside-right came to naught.

Hongkong then nearly succeeded in scoring their fourth goal when the linesman's call for outside was ignored by the referee and Ho Ying-fan, in possession of the ball, centred it to the far end of the goalmouth.

Au Chi-yin raced forward, got his feet to the ball, only to see the goalkeeper making a fine save almost from pointblank range.

In the 25th minute the Austrians succeeded in scoring their first goal from a free-kick just outside the box. Inside-left Zechmeister took the kick and converted it with a beautiful low left-footed drive to the near end of the goalmouth.

In the 30th minute a good short lob over Ko Po-keung saw inside-left Zechmeister cut in fast to take the ball and lob it into the net over the advancing Pau King-yin to bring the score to 3-2.

Just before the whistle blew for the interval, however, Hongkong again won their lead. Ho Ying-fan, after a good run on the right-wing, sent in a high centre which was headed by Au Chi-yin, who was just behind, however, connected it and headed it into the goal.

The Austrians held the offensive for the greater part of the second half which reached the penalty incident in the 20th minute.

Au Chi-yin, however, purposely tipped the ball wide on the penalty re-kick and just before the final whistle came Yiu Cheuk-yin waved round the right-back and sent the ball crashing into the net with a low left-footed cross drive to bring the final score to 5-2 in Hongkong's favour.

THE TEAMS
Austrian LASK: Weichselbauer, Kratowicz, I. Fuchs; Weiss, Swerek, Schmidhofer; Weinzierl, Teintzler, Haril, Zechmeister, Toljon.

Hongkong Selection: Pau King-yin; Armstrong, Chan Kar-sai; Davis, Ko Po-keung; Santos, Ho Ying-fan, McGregor, Au Chi-yin, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Hau Ching-to.

VISITORS FETED
The belief that of all Asian football teams Hongkong had the best possibility of fielding one of high European standard was expressed by Mr Wolf Lyberg last night when he spoke on behalf of the Linzer Athletik Sport Klub footballers at a dinner given in honour of the visitors by the Hongkong Football Association at the Hongkong Football Club.

Hongkong footballers had almost all the things that good football needed, Mr Lyberg said. But they needed a little more of one thing—"physique". He added, and suggested training for the building up of this.

Reference to the forthcoming departure on retirement of the Hon. Sir Arthur Moore, President of the Hongkong Football Association, was made by Mr Justice E. H. Williams, speaking on behalf of the guests, who said that Sir Arthur would be sorely missed.

Those at the official table included the Hon. R. B. Black, Colonial Secretary, Lieut-General Sir Terence Glynn, Commander British Forces, Hongkong, the Hon. C. E. M.

Terry, Mr D. Benson, Mr M. W. Turner, Mr K. A. Blomend, Mr A. P. Weir, Mr J. McKelvie, Mr A. McAlpine, Mr J. Sidner, Mr W. J. Gormann, Mr F. Pordes, Mr J. C. Gilmann, Mr C. S. Wang, Mr L. B. Young, Mr Leslie Loucy and Mr D. Calvo.

Toasts to the Queen, the President of the Republic of Austria and "Our Guests" were proposed by Sir Arthur.

After the speeches the Austrian visitors presented, through Dr Otto Nader, President of LASK, souvenirs to Sir Arthur (a gold badge and a book), to Mr Gilmann, Chairman of the Council of the HKFA, to Mr Wang, Chairman of the Inter-Port Committee of the HKFA, to Mr R. M. Omar (Secretary of the HKFA), to Mr L. J. Channing (Chairman of the Grounds Sub-Committee of the HKFA), badges to the Hongkong team and the Hongkong Selection team, and badges to Mr Young for distribution to referees and linesmen.

Sir Arthur announced that Hongkong had presented to the Austrians ivory chopsticks and a book to remind them of their visit to the Colony.

After paying a compliment to the Austrians "pretty football," Sir Arthur contrasted the Austrian and British style of playing. He added he was glad to have seen the Austrian type of football and he was sure that the experience they had had here and with other teams, that today they would give a very fine exhibition of the game (Applause). (The Austrians are playing the Combined Chinese today).

REGRET EXPRESSED
Mr Lyberg then translated a short speech by Dr Nader who expressed his regret at not being able to address the gathering because he did not speak English.

Continuing, Mr Lyberg assured every one that "all my Austrian boys congratulate you on your victory today."

Personally, said Mr Lyberg, he was very glad that it was Hongkong who was the first team to beat the Linz team because the Colony was, apart from his own country, his favourite place.

He was sorry because of the incident that had occurred during yesterday's game. This was so because he had always made a point of honour to bring out teams that tried to "play the game" as Sir Arthur had said, and he was very glad that he had succeeded so far. He could not quite explain what had happened at yesterday's game. He could assure his listeners that "these chaps are the nicest boys I have travelled with. I won't try to make any excuse for what happened. I will only say that the explanation is that they must be tired. It must be the temperamental Sir Arthur spoke about was setting in and perhaps was more difficult to control after their 16th game in little more than a month. I can assure you that the players themselves were very sorry after the game when the camp to me with tears in his eyes and asked me to apologise on his behalf and to go to the referee to apologise for the behaviour. This we did. My opinion and the Austrian opinion is that what the referee did was perfectly correct and I can assure you that nobody in the team has any objections against the referees, so far here. (Loud Applause).

Hongkong's hospitality, as always, had been second to none, Mr Lyberg continued. He regretted that the team had not been able to show, so far, their real standard.

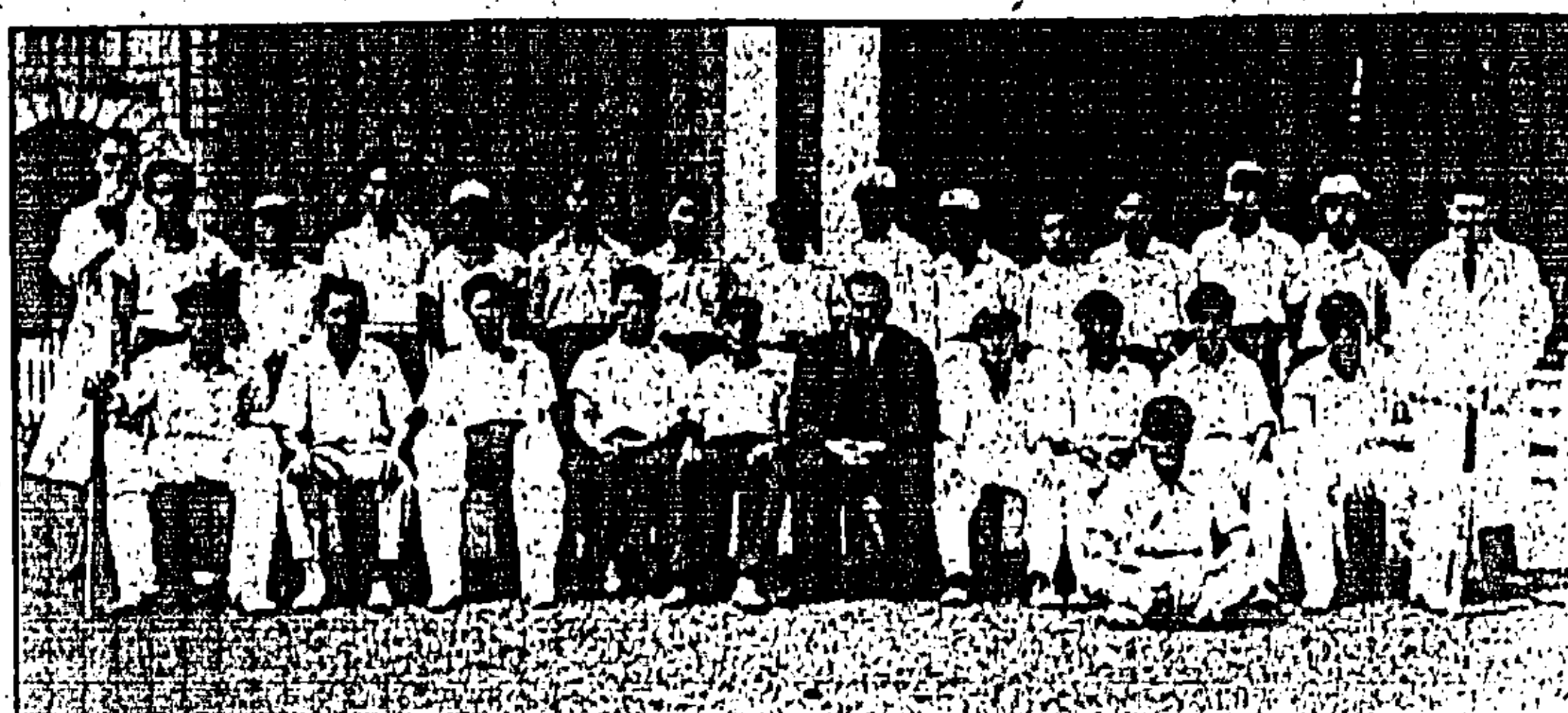
He wished football in Hongkong a very bright future.

TURPIN BEATS DUGGIE MILLER
Leicester, Feb. 16.

Randolph Turpin, Britain's Middleweight Champion, beat Duggie Miller on points here tonight.

A preliminary to the main bout, Ansel Adams, the Trinidad heavyweight, knocked out Frank Bell, one of Britain's leading heavyweights, in the first round, connecting with two right hooks to finish the fight in 27 seconds.—Reuter.

PROFESSIONALS MAKE THEIR DEBUT



Rugger having been introduced into the sporting life of the Chinese police recruits in Hongkong, the Elders of local cricket decided to follow up this step with a pukka cricket match between the ground staffs of the Hongkong and Kowloon Cricket Clubs. The "Lord's" ground staff won comfortably.

Here the teams pose for a group photograph during the Chinese New Year's Eve match with Mr Harry Owen-Hughes, President of the HKCC, and Messrs. Donald Leach and F. A. Marshall.—China Mail Photo.

HOLIDAY SOFTBALL

China And USA Enter International Final By "KEYSTONE"

China gained a comfortable 7-4 win over a youthful Philippines team in the semi-final round of this season's International Softball Series yesterday, while the weighty bats of the USA line-up battered the Pakistan contingent into submission with an 11-8 score.

On Sunday the US Navy played brilliant ball to score the upset of the season, edging out the League-leading Braves by 2-1, mainly through the fine one-hit pitching job put up by Navy chucker Bogard.

St Joseph's took full advantage of a shaky first inning by the opposition to run up an unreachably seven-run handicap and defeat the Jaguars 9-5 in the other Senior "A" Division game.

In the Iono Senior "B" tilt of the week, the Americans in a gaged with the Rexes in a mighty battle of the League-leaders from which the Americans emerged on the right end of a 9-5 count.

By virtue of their long-availed triumph over the Rexes, the Americans are the hot favourites to carry off Senior "B" Division honours this season as their sole outstanding game is with this same team, which they have just pushed off the tandem perch on the first rung.

Another victory over the Rexes means the pennant for the Americans, while a Rexes win would throw the whole Senior "B" race wide open again with another three-way tie for first place. The potential third participant in this triple-tie, the young Blackhaws, now await the second meeting of the Americans and the Rexes with fond hopes for an American defeat and thus "another go" at this season's trophy.

BIG SCORE
Fielding their second-string line-up, what was expected to be an easy game, China received a big scare from the peppy Philippines kids who exploded with three big runs in the first inning.

Chinese hurler "Ping" Lam started unsteadily by walking the first two batters. A slider's choice hunt filled the bases by overflying and set up three potential runs for the clean-up batter.

Frank Barros promptly lived one into centre to chase the first run across the plate, and two more runs were allowed to score by some bone-headed play.

He dug for himself by downing the following three batters with a fan-out and two routine infield crasures.

K. T. Leung retaliated for China when he slashed out a drive to left-centre, reached second when the catcher lunged to catch the ball, and sent it down to third by C. M. Tsang. Leung scored when Tsang's bunt was mishandled at first, allowing Tsang to scamper down to second base. P. H. Lee also laid down a short hit towards third, which was bobbled, putting runners first and second safely home.

Catcher "Two-ton Lulu" of the Pandas lifted a long fly to centre, and the two runners advanced after the catch to scoring positions at third and second. But L. C. Poon pulled a fly-ball to the left foul line which left gardener Alex Eusebio hauled down and rifled in to nail C. M. Tsang for a double-killing at home plate.

METHODICALLY
Keeping their youthful opposition scoreless in the second inning, China methodically chopped down their run-deficit run by run to catch and overtake the Filipino squad.

Two Chinese runs were scored through K. K. Sit and Y. K. Chan by a walk and a whole succession of miscues by the Filipino defence. The inning ended with K. T. Leung flying out to left for the second down and L. E. Lam being put out at third for leaving the base before the catch was made.

The big third inning netted China four lead-snatching runs. Southpaw C. M. Tsang collected his second hit of the day with a surprising single to left and stole down to the mid-station. E. H. Lee then dropped a quick

bunt which scored Tsang all the way from second when the ball was mishandled in rapid succession by four fielders, allowing Leo to scuttle non-stop all the way round the horn back to homebase again.

Two more runs were marked up through C.Y. Lu's double to deep centre and L.C. Poon's under to third which was heaved wild to first. The runs came in on a following infield out and a long fly to left.

Paul Tiu rapped out a solid blow over the pitcher's head to get on first, but was neatly rubbed out at the keystone station by Philippines catcher Azevedo's magnificent heave across the diamond.

The Chinese team seemed to ease up and no further runs were scored for the rest of the game by them, although L.S. Poon collected China's seventh and last hit of the game with a centrefield liner in the fifth.

The Philippines team noticed their fourth and last run through an individual effort in the sixth canto by centrefielder Paul Boulet, who stole all the thunder from the Senior Division Chinese players by polling a screaming line-drive over the amazed leftfielder's head for a rousing home-run.

Leaguer "Tiny Terry" Lucido was nicked for seven safe-hits with no strike-outs, but issued only two walks. His opposing number, "Ping" Lam struck out four batters and conceded three safeties, but had difficulty controlling his plants in issuing six bases on balls.

L. P. Lam furthered his team's cause with a sparkling double-play in the fourth inning when he gloved Alex Eusebio's wistful high liner and threw to third to double up Terry Lucido.

Leading the batting for the Philippines were Frank Barros with two hits and Paul Boulet, who poked out the only homer of the game.

ALL-OUT HITTING
Going all out for the hitting game, the USA team slammed a total of twelve hits off pitcher A. R. Salter to eliminate Pakistan from this season's International final.

Lead-off man Duvall and Bordwell got on base through an infield error and a bunt-hit. Duvall crossed the rubber when skipper Mort Angrist poked one to shortstop Sherry Bucks who allowed the ball to get by.

Southpaw Wucher pulled an inside pitch into rightfield to chase another run across, but Angrist was tagged at the plate by a fine throw-in when he attempted to score also on the play.

A steal set up another run in scoring position at third then J. Henderson lofted one to left which scored the runner after the catch was made. Claude Pugh sent a vicious liner into left for a single, but the next batter went down for the third out on a grounder to third.

Both sides were held scoreless in the second inning, but Pakistan exploded into action in the third with three runs on a single hit. After one out, second-sacker A. G. Ismail dragged a bunt along the first-base line and arrived at the initial safety.

Three batters followed with another short one which scrambled up the American defence, permitting the runner on first to scoot down to third on the play. An unsuccessful cut-off play resulted in a double-play for Pakistan, and

ing a runner on second while another safely denied the home-rubber.

Third baseman Benny Omar scuttled the ball to the right of the diamond, and it was mishandled by the second baseman to allow a second run in. Omar brought the third run in with a cloud of dust when he dove head-first across the pay-station to beat a relay from first after a routine infield-out.

With the score knotted 3-3 in the fourth, the Americans went to work in earnest with their ponderous bats, felling southpaw Salter for six resounding hits, including Wucher's round-tripper with none on base.

The long fourth inning started with a walk and two successive hits by pitcher Bogard and leftfielder Duvall. After the first out, Mort Angrist lifted a sacrifice fly to right which scored the second run and cleared the bases.

However, with two out and none on base, first-sacker Wucher swung belatedly and caught the outfield going in the wrong direction, his marmalade fly landing far in the cutesy pastures between centre and left for a home-run.

Three more hits in a row by "Big Jaw" Heldemann, Claude Pugh and hindsnatcher Renfrew resulted in two more runs marked up for the USA outfit. The last out was made when Gammill pulled a sizzling liner which third baseman Benny Omar speared with a spectacular one-handed catch.

Pakistan reduced the American lead slightly the following when A. G. Ismail dropped another short bunt to third and beat out the throw. He scored from second when Jindoo Hussain topped the ball to send it skittering in a slow trickle to the pitcher's box. The madly-spinning ball eluded the grasp of pitcher Bogard to allow a run to score.

The American contingent went further ahead in the fifth canto with another two runs on a walk and a bunt-hit by Duvall and a single by Angrist.

GRAND RALLY
Behind by seven runs going into the sixth, Pakistan staged a grand rally that netted them four markers when Pakistan bats laid down a fruitful barrage of five hits.

Backstop S. H. Khan singled, advanced to scoring position on O. Dallah's bunt-hit, and scored on a wild pitch. Dallah scored when A. R. Salter grounded for the second out, but three hits in a row by Ismail, Hussain and Omar chased two more runs in.

Jindoo Hussain ended the rally by grounding out to the pitcher. In their last time at bat, the Pakistani players went down in rapid one-two-three succession, two on infield outs, and the third batter looked over three strikes to be called out for the final down of the game.

Winning pitcher Bogard was in fine form, striking out three and walking none while conceding a total of ten spaced-out hits to the opposition. Tagged with the loss, Pakistan chucker Salter walked two, but struck out none and allowed eleven resounding hits off his pitches.

Leading the Pakistani batting were: A. G. Ismail with three in four and S. H. Khan with two hits in four times at bat. The American hit-barrage included two hits in apiece for Duvall, Angrist, Wucher, Pugh and hurler Bogard.

GATESHEAD ARE NOT DISMAYED

London, Feb. 16.
Gallant Gateshead, "giant killers" from the Northern section of the Third Division, are not dismayed at having to play Bolton Wanderers, twice winners of the trophy, in the sixth round of the Football Association Cup competition.

"I have every confidence that the boys will get through," said Mr William Tulip, Chairman and Honorary Secretary-Manager.

Gateshead, whose Cup team cost little more than £800, have disposed of Hull and Plymouth Argyle among others, and a win over Bolton would make them only the second team from the Third Division to reach the semi-finals. Millwall did it in 1937.

Blackpool, beaten finalists in 1948, and Southampton, who are 21st in the Second Division, meet on Wednesday to decide who has the onerous task of leading Arsenal, the Cup favourites at Highbury.

POSSIBLY INCREASED
Possibility of a Wembley final between teams from the same area was increased by the fact that Londoners Arsenal and Tottenham missed each other, as did the Midlands Clubs, Aston Villa and Birmingham.

The last time Tottenham and Birmingham clashed was believed to be in the 1905-06 season, when Birmingham won a replay at home. Tottenham, like Southampton, have been drawn away for every round this season.

Aston Villa, six times winner of the Cup, have ground advantage against the much-improved Everton side, who last Saturday eliminated Manchester United, the League Champions.—Reuter.

"Attaboy Shield"

The "Attaboy" Lawn Bowls Shield was won yesterday by A. Bailey, R. Saunders, C.E.F. Thompson and F. Francis when they eliminated the team of A.M. Buchanan, H. A. Scott, J. Crighton and J. McKelvie in a lawn bowls match at Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Before this match, the team of A. Hutton, W. Russell, F. H. Warth and R. B. Robertson was eliminated by the second team in a first round match.

RUGGER RESULTS

London, Feb. 16.
Torquay Athletic, at home, lost to Wasps by eight points to five in a Rugby Union match today.—Reuter.

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Communist China To Play South Korea And Japan In World Soccer Cup Tourney

Crans, Switzerland, Feb. 16.

Mr. Ernst Thommen, Swiss President of the Organisation Committee for the 1954 World Soccer Championships, said today he saw no valid reason why South Korea and Japan should not meet Communist China on the football field.

The Organising Committee on Sunday set up the schedule of elimination matches for the world tournament, placing South Korea, Japan and Communist China together in the East Asian preliminary group. Each of the three nations in this group should, according to the programme, twice play against each of the other two before April 1, 1954.

This arrangement was the subject of "prolonged discussion" during the Organising Committee's programme conference on Sunday, Mr. Thommen said, but it was finally decided that "for geographical reasons" there was no alternative.

"In any case," he added, "political considerations must play no part in international sport."

"The Organising Committee is a strictly neutral body," Mr. Thommen declared in an interview. "It would have been quite impossible to isolate China for political reasons which we are not allowed to take into account," he said.—Associated Press.

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Japan's Entry Into TV Industry May Affect Britain

London, Feb. 9.

British manufacturers of television receivers are complaining that the United States is "wet-nursing" Japan's now-born television industry.

They charge that the Americans are going out of their way to show the Japanese how to make television into big business.

Underlying fear among British TV makers is that future Japanese exports of mass-produced sets will cut into Britain's recently-acquired markets.

"It is all very well for the Japanese to revive their own industries and compete on world markets in their own right," said an official of the British Radio Council, the national body of radio and TV manufacturers, in London today.

He was commenting on reports from Tokyo that mass production of TV sets has begun and that firms hope to be offering them for export at prices as low as £25.

One report said that Japanese manufacturers expect to exploit large market both at home and in South-East Asia and South America.

South America is at present one of Britain's best export markets.

WITHIN YEAR.

"There is no competition from Japan yet, but we can expect it within a year," said the Radio Council spokesman.

Britain's TV exports are currently about 1,000 a month, mostly to Canada, Europe and South America are the other main markets.

Selling prospects in South America are increasing rapidly—a contract for 5,000 receivers for Colombia is pending now—but British firms fear Japan may soon move into the field.

Japan's export drive with ordinary radio sets is also worrying British producers.

"Competition is not serious yet, but Japanese sets are re-appearing in numbers in Asia and the effect on British exports is noticeable. We are a little worried about the future," said the Radio Council official.

Witnesses' Mistake

London, Feb. 16.

Eye-witnesses agreed at a magistrates court today that they made a mistake in identifying Edward Penfold, 21, South Wales labourer, as one of three men accused of taking part in an armed robbery at the Prospect of Whitby public house in Wapping.

Penfold, who has been in custody since January 27, was discharged without a stain on his character.

Witnesses had identified him as being the only one of three raiders who was unmasked.

Reuter.

Shots Fired In Tokyo

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

Tokyo police said today that an air-gun which had been fired into the house of Dr. Tadanao Yusa of Tokyo was found to have been used by an 18-year-old who fired six shots in the direction of the doctor's house.

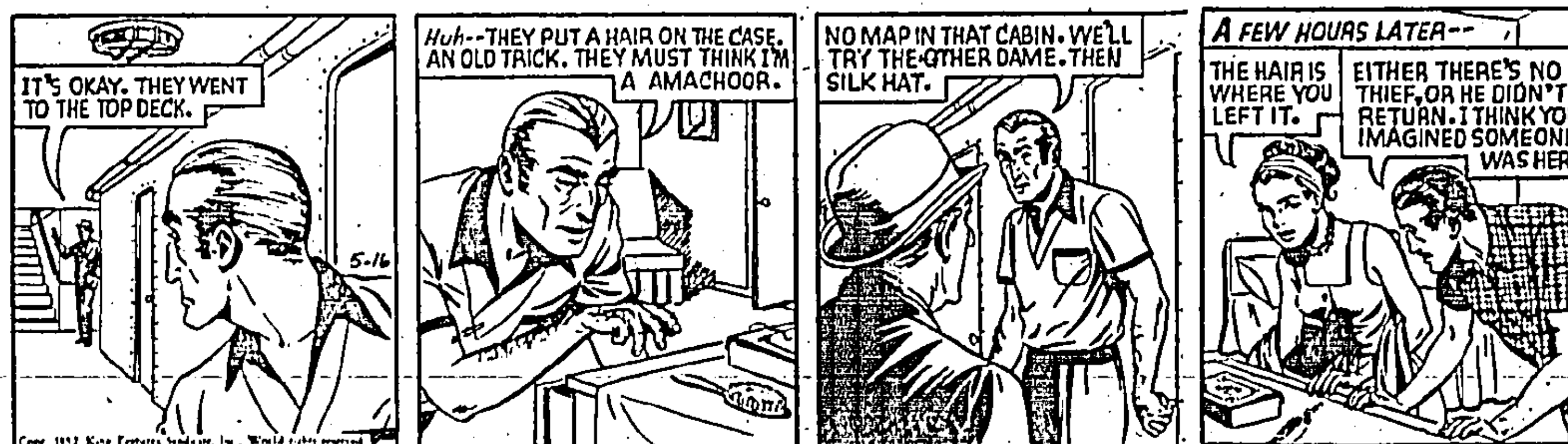
The doctor was taking care of Wataru Kaji, who claims he was recently held in custody of an American intelligence agency on a charge of being a Russian espionage agent.

The shot was at first attributed by Kaji to be a Communist attempt against him.

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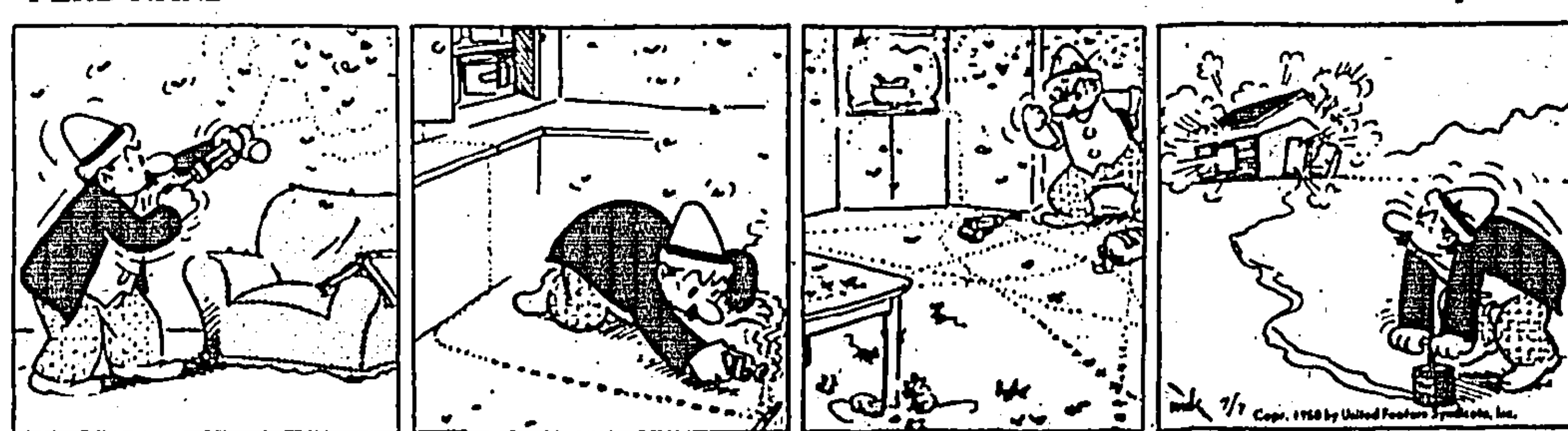
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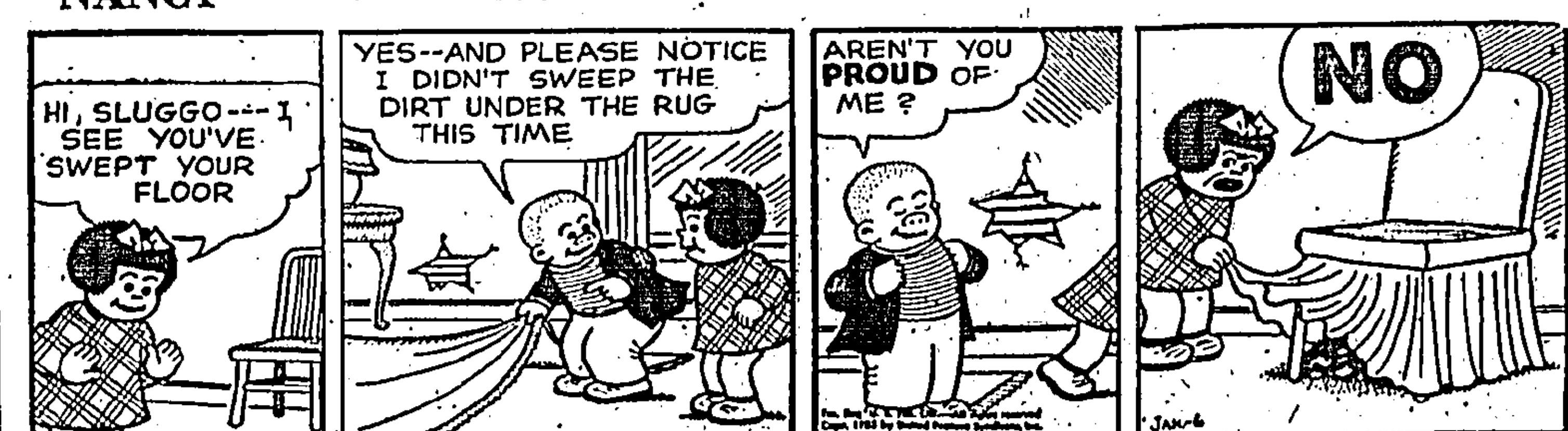
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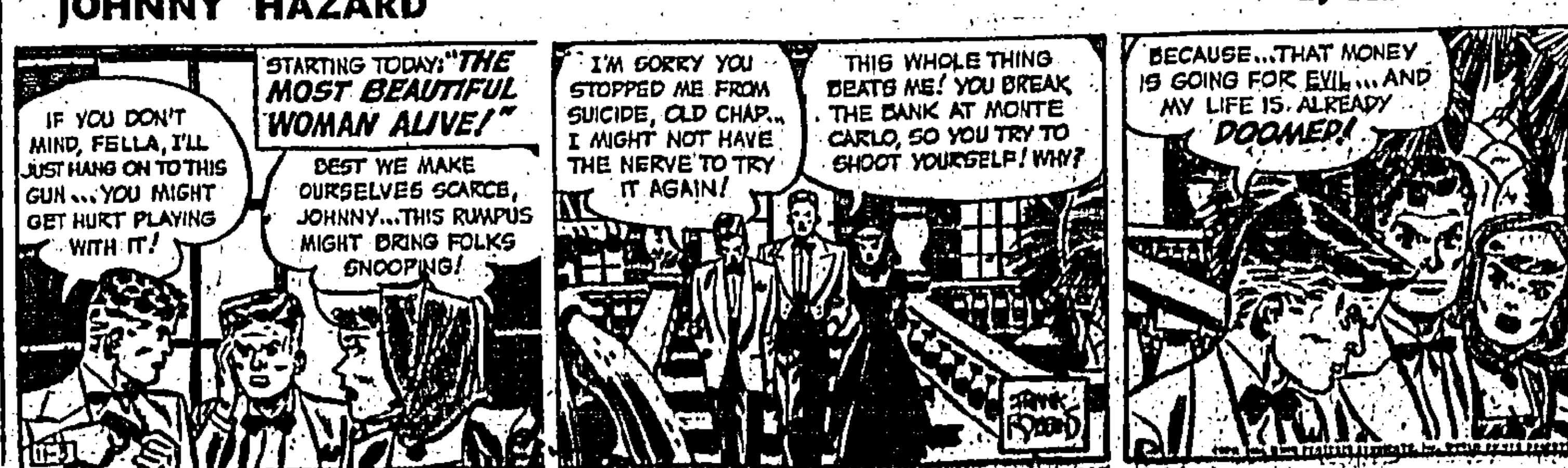
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COLONEL'S DEFENCE WINDING UP

Ford Mead, Feb. 16.

The U.S. Army was today studying censorship regulations under which Lieut-Colonel Melvin Voorhes is being tried with a view to "clarifying" the case.

This was disclosed as the court martial of Col. Voorhes, Army censor turned author, went into its final phases.

The defence planned to wind up the case today and a verdict by the Court Martial Board is expected on Tuesday.

Lieut-Col. John West, defence counsel, said that his final witnesses would bear out his contention that the regulation Col. Voorhes is accused of violating is "so contradictory as to be virtually meaningless."

Col. West pointed out that certain revised general violations of the regulation "not intentionally" but because the regulation is open to varying interpretation.

Col. Voorhes, former chief censor for the 8th Army in Korea, is charged with violating the regulation which states that all Army personnel must submit their writings to the Army for approval.

The Colonel went ahead with the publication of his book entitled "Korean Tales" after the Army had refused, on the grounds of "propriety," to clear it.—United Press.

Cairo, Feb. 16.

A Japanese trade mission left for Beirut by air today for an exchange of views with the Lebanese Government and to negotiate a possible trade agreement.

In Egypt the mission exchanged views for closer commercial relations between the two countries, especially regarding cotton and navigation.—United Press.

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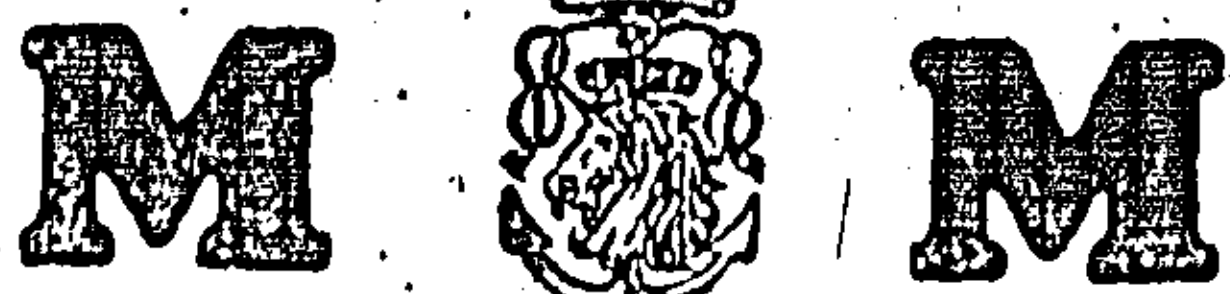
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FUTURE OF THE POUND

Gradual Progress Being Made Towards Convertibility

Primary Objective Of U.K.'s Present Economic Policy

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Feb. 16.

The British Government has refused a French request for a relaxation of import controls.

This will cause disappointment in France, where the British restrictions are regarded as having played an important part in the deterioration of the French economic situation, but it should occasion no surprise among those who have watched the development of British economic policy over the past year.

Immediate purpose of this policy has been, in the words of Mr Butler, "to make and keep Sterling strong."

The first objective, in fact, has already been achieved—as is shown by the fact that the British authorities have recently had to intervene in the foreign exchange markets to prevent the price of Sterling exceeding its upper limit of \$2.82.

But if Sterling has been made strong it is far from certain that its present strength would be maintained if the restrictions which helped make it possible were removed at this stage.

Nor should the fact be lost sight of that the Sterling Area has pledged itself to work towards convertibility. This, and not merely a strong Pound, is the primary objective of the present policy.

Two essential conditions must be fulfilled before there can be any major advances in this direction.

The first, as already pointed out, is a strong Pound; the second is a much larger gold reserve than we have at present.

NOT FULFILLED

It would be dangerous to assume, however, that these conditions have already been fulfilled.

The present strength of Sterling undoubtedly owes much to the fact that foreign countries have been deprived of many opportunities to earn it.

This has been one effect of the British import restrictions. The other—perhaps less obvious—has been that people in this country have not been able to spend so much money on imported goods as they would like to have done.

The result has been an accumulation of demand that once released, would quickly make itself felt on the balance of payments.

The present strength of Sterling is therefore dependent upon the continuation of the import restrictions.

NOT PERMANENT

But this is not to say that these restrictions have become a permanent feature of British economic policy. On the contrary they are simply the first necessary step in the direction of convertibility and, through it, of multilateral world trade.

The paradox of this situation has naturally led to some confusion. To see it in its proper perspective, however, should not be difficult if one remembers the disastrous outcome of the last attempt to make Sterling a convertible currency.

That unfortunate episode served one useful purpose: it proved beyond all doubt that a convertible Pound must also be a scarce Pound.

The process of withdrawing surplus Sterling held on foreign accounts has therefore begun and its success is already being reflected in the shortage of Pounds that has started to appear in a number of countries that were formerly large holders of Sterling.

This induced scarcity of Pounds would be worse than useless, however, unless at the same time a similar process was being followed within individual Sterling countries.

A NECESSITY

For, unless intensive efforts are made to mop up the excess purchasing power at home, any relaxation of import controls would simply re-open the flood-gates through which Sterling would again flow into foreign accounts.

We should then have suffered the hardships of restriction without gaining any of the benefits expected from it.

In short, therefore, the position we are striving to achieve is one in which countries earning Sterling will be able if they wish to convert it into dollars.

But, if we are to ensure that a convertible Pound is also a strong Pound, it is first necessary to make it scarce, for Sterling which is difficult to obtain is less likely to be converted into dollars.

Once we have ensured this scarcity, convertibility will cease to be a textbook term and will become a practical proposition.

DEPENDS ON U.S.

But the second condition mentioned above—a strong gold reserve—will still have to be fulfilled.

In this respect, however, the Sterling Area cannot act entirely

alone. Much will depend upon the action taken in America.

A reduction of United States tariffs, the regulation of American purchases of Sterling commodities to ensure reasonable stability of prices, and increased American investment overseas—to say nothing of a higher price for gold—would all help the Sterling Area to earn or obtain more dollars.

Fortunately we can count on the United States to do all in its power to help. But, with the exception of a higher gold price to which many Republicans are firmly opposed—none of the measures just mentioned would result in any large or rapid inflow of dollars.

If other means cannot be found to augment the reserves—and this presumably is one of those things Mr Butler will discuss on his arrival in the United States—the process of accumulating sufficient dollars to back convertibility must necessarily be a slow and arduous one.

TWICE AS LARGE

The British Government has never stated what it would consider to be an adequate gold reserve, but an unofficial opinion is that it should be at least twice as large as at present before convertibility is attempted.

Without some help from America, however, it would be a long time before the Sterling Area could double its present reserves. Even the recent rate of growth would be difficult to maintain for this has resulted chiefly from receipts of gold from the European Payments Union and American defence aid.

The latter will grow progressively smaller as Britain's position in the Union improves and a lower proportion of her surplus with Western Europe is received in gold.

American defence aid will continue and it is hoped, will increase during the next few months. But, even with the recent improvement in our trade position with other non-Sterling countries, the Sterling Area could expect more than a fairly modest rise in the gold reserves in the foreseeable future.

Whatever success is achieved in the first part of the programme for convertibility, therefore, progress towards a free Pound must in the end depend upon what the Commonwealth Prime Ministers termed the "availability of adequate financial support."

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

"Plus" signs predominated in the Stock Exchange price lists last week. Industrial shares performed particularly well and several notable gains were recorded, especially in the engineering, electrical and stores sections.

The Financial Times index of ordinary share prices climbed 2.1 points on the week.

Conditions were somewhat quieter in the gilt-edged market but, after a certain amount of hesitancy in the early part of the week, prices moved quietly ahead.

The continued strength of Sterling abroad and Mr Butler's hopeful statements on the economic outlook were factors contributing to the steadiness in this section.

In the industrial market, the news that British engineering firms have been awarded a contract worth £6,000,000 for construction of a new iron and steel works at Aviles in Spain, caused a burst of interest in shares of the companies concerned.

Later this interest spread to other engineering companies.

BID FOR SHARES

Success of the Investment Registry's bid for shares of J. Sear (True-form Boot Company) was the main talking point in the markets early in the week.

A "substantial" majority of the shareholders accepted the Investment Registry's offer to buy their shares at an effective price of 40s. each.

Later the shares rose to 43/10½d.

This episode has caused some concern outside the market, and Mr C. Osborne, a Conservative M.P., is to ask Mr. Butler to appoint a committee to inquire into recent share bids. But this suggestion has not found support elsewhere.

Most people connected with the Stock Exchange are inclined to blame the ultra-conservative

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TEXTILE INDUSTRY RESEARCH

New York, Feb. 16.
The American textile industry spent a record \$30,000,000 on research and development work last year, the trade publication Textile World estimated.

Most of the money was spent for the introduction of new fibres and for development of new properties and uses for old fibres, the magazine added. The figure was double that of 1949.

Mill productivity, population and the use of synthetics all are increasing at a rate of two per cent a year, and productivity could be increased far more with added research, according to the magazine.

Within the next 10 years, the magazine predicted: Fibre consumption will rise from less than 7,000,000,000 to 8,000,000,000; synthetics will account for about 40 per cent (3,200,000,000 pounds) of that, and the United States' market potential will increase with a population rise of some 20,000,000 customers.

Increased production of synthetics will become more and more important to the industry in 1953. Textile World said, but the chances are that use of wool, like cotton, also will increase in the next 10 years. Fabrics made entirely from wool still have their own distinctive properties; with an increasing population and greater consumer markets there will be increasing needs for more woolen and wool-blended fabrics. Synthetics blended with wool may satisfy some of these needs, but there is plenty of room in the field for all-wool fabrics, blended fabrics and all-synthetic types. —Associated Press.

The Rubber Markets

London, Feb. 16.
The rubber market was dull today. Prices closed as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	22½-23
in pencil	22½-23
March	22½-23
April/June	22½-23
July/September	22½-23
October/December	22½-23

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Feb. 16.
Prices of No. 1 rubber futures closed today unchanged to 25 points higher with sales totalling three contracts. Business was very quiet, reduced partly by Singapore holiday. Prices closed as follows:

March	27.25 bid
May	26.63 nominal
July	26.10 bid
September	25.50 bid
December	25.00 nominal
Spot	25.00

—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 16.
The tin market was easier today. Turnover was 30 tons. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers	532
Spot tin, sellers	530
Business done at	531
Three-months tin, buyers	535
Three-months tin, sellers	533
Business done at	534
Settlement	534

—United Press.

NY Stock Exchange

New York, Feb. 16.
Dow Jones averages at the end of the stock market session stood as follows:

30 Industrials	262.18
20 rails	108.11
15 utilities	52.70
40 bonds	110.03

—United Press.

American Steel Industry Prospects

New York, Feb. 16.

Spokesmen for America's steel industry are divided in their opinions as to when supply will catch up with demand.

Some say supply-demand already is in balance for a few years. It predicted another easing in other areas. Others predict a continuing high demand that will force mills to make expansions beyond those on the present programme.

American plants are now producing at the record annual rate of about 17,000,000 tons. Only a year ago the pace was about 10,000,000. And in 1953 the production rate was 53,000,000 tons a year. By next year, the annual rate is expected to reach 123,000,000 tons.

Many types of steel admittedly are still hard to get. But one spokesman said warehouse stocks are currently up to 60 per cent of capacity. One-fifth of that nation's steel is sold from warehouses. After the steel strike the warehouses were only 30 per cent filled, and a year ago stood at 50 per cent.

One steel maker said the market for galvanneal sheet is definitely easier. And another warehouse spokesman said, "Demand for hot-rolled strip hasn't tapered off, it just died."

Armco Steel Corp. said, however, that the nation's huge expansion since the war may prove sufficient for only a few years. It predicted another steel expansion before 1960, saying: "The population growth by then may dictate the need for 135,000,000 tons annually."

Much of the current hunger for steel derives from expanding car production. The car industry is normally the steel industry's best customer, taking about one-fifth of total production. Last month about 465,000 cars rolled off assembly lines, 93 per cent more than a year earlier. This quarter's production is expected to reach 1.4 million cars, against only 992,000 in the first three months of 1952.

Some car makers are reported to have sent missions to Europe to buy sheet steel. On the other hand, steel bars are said to be easing. In fact, one company reported that Belgian-made bars have been offered lately at the same price as the American product. —Associated Press.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Feb. 16.
Chicago grains and the leading commodities were mixed in a quiet futures market. Wheat closed today ¼ to 1½ higher and soybeans ½ lower to 1½ higher. Prices closed as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.25 nominal
March	2.24½-2.24
May	2.21½-2.21
July	2.19½-2.19
September	2.17½-2.17
December	2.15½-2.15

Spot	1.50½
March	1.49½
May	1.47½-1.47
July	1.45½-1.45
September	1.43½-1.43
December	1.41½-1.41

Spot	1.70 nominal
March	1.74½-1.74
May	1.72½-1.72
July	1.70½-1.70
September	1.68½-1.68
December	1.66½-1.66

Spot	73½-74
March	73½-74
May	73½-74
July	73½-74
September	73½-74
December	73½-74

Chicago, Feb. 16.
Japanese bonds

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Club Money Muddle

SHE looked very frightened as they showed her into the dock at the Thames court; as though fear had been her companion for some time, as if she had not been eating properly, nor sleeping much.

Her name was Elsie. She was a tall woman, only 27, though pale and drawn as she was now, she looked older. A tired-looking, light-coloured silk square, that had once been gay with patterns of flowers, but now was faded, shrouded her head like a hood. She huddled into a rough tweed coat that looked as if it had been worn against many winters, and, perhaps, by more wearers than one.

The charges were read out, and to each of them Elsie, in a whisper, pleaded guilty, confessing to fraudulently converting to her own use three sums of money belonging to another person.

"She asks," said the police officer conducting the case, "for 34 similar matters to be taken into consideration. The total sum involved is £42."

"Is that right?" the magistrate, Mr. Harold Sturge, asked Elsie. She nodded that it was.

MOST people accused in the courts of fraud are full of self-confidence. They bring with them to the dock some of the airy optimism and chubbiness which is their stock-in-trade for laying hands on other people's money. Elsie stood trembling and near to collapse. It was difficult to picture her ever possessing calm assurance enough to risk the consequences of crime.

"The facts in this case," said the officer, "are that this woman was treasurer of a Christmas club in the East End. When Christmas time came, she found she had not enough of the club's money to pay all her commitments."

"All this money belonged to one person. There is a second claimant who has not come to court; otherwise, everyone else was paid out."

"Is anything known about her?" the magistrate asked.

"She's a woman of previous good character," the officer said, "and both she and her husband go out to work. There are two children, aged two and eight, and she has been married for 12 years. The family have been in an economic muddle, and the club money became mixed up with the housekeeping."

Now the picture of Elsie's crime became clearer. With perfect faith in her own integrity, no doubt, she would accept the club subscriptions. The small commission would be welcomed as a stimulant to her own saving.

Then would come the temptation to use the club money as a kind of bank, and draw upon it for her own needs. "Must remember to pay it back next pay day, must remember..."

The size of the loan would grow, until it was hopelessly beyond repaying. Then, the day of the share-out, the paying for some miracle, some club member not wanting to draw his funds, someone ill and unable to take his share. But there was no miracle.

"She hasn't spent the money on drink or anything like that," the police officer went on, "I'm satisfied it is mainly this muddle. Although both she and her husband work, the home, which is very clean, is for her own use."

He had said all he could for Elsie, and she could add nothing except to mumble that somehow she would repay the money.

"I shall remand you for a week," said the magistrate. "You shall let your husband and the probation officer will visit you to see your home and your husband, and see if arrangements can be made to pay this money back. You will also have to pay some penalty."

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Town Goes Under Auctioneer's Hammer

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 13.
Glen Davis, once a neat little oil shale town, deep in a valley 140 miles west of Sydney, has gone under the hammer in the biggest auction sale ever held in Australia.

Once, many years ago, the Government hoped that it would be able to extract sufficient oil from shale to make it payable, spent hundreds of thousands of pounds on plant and equipment, laid out a model town.

But for years now the cost of Glen Davis has been mounting until finally the little oil being produced was costing so much that even the Government had to quit. So the order went out. Glen Davis was to end.

That was about 12 months ago. Gradually the miners and their families drifted out, gradually the neat gardens became overgrown, overnight it became another ghost town. But for a couple of days last week it came into its own again.

Buyers from all over Australia converged on the little town. The valley bulged at its seams as a steady stream of cars arrived at the mine for the start of the sale.

The town's only hotel (accommodation 25) put camp stretchers wherever there was space; lots of visitors camped in empty cottages; some were forced to bed down in towns 20 and 30 miles away.

The sale began in blazing heat at the entrance to the mine high up the mountain where electric locomotives, coal skips, cables and rails were stored waiting for bidders.

BATH-HOUSE TEA
Women left in the town catered for the huge crowd with sandwiches and tea, carried up the dusty mountain side in a truck, served in the miners' old bath-house.

Then they watched sombrely as a huge pile of machinery went under the hammer. The auction, expected to net about £250,000, will cover three periods and will not end until June. Taking the inventory of what is to be sold took Commonwealth officials the best part of a year.

Goods with a purchasing price of £200,000 were put up at the first sale, brought about £50,000, but even that was a bit up on what the auctioneer had estimated. Newcastle mining companies were the main bidders.

But shifting the gear is going to set the pace for a busy year. Glen Davis is 22 miles from the nearest siding over poor roads. The locomotives weigh about 15 tons; some refinery gear scales 40. There are huge tanks that will have to be dismantled to get them out of the valley.

Labour contractors are standing by, scratching their heads over the problem. When they go, and all the gear, the town will die again.

BUT NO PROFIT
The show business isn't all that it used to be, apparently. Entertainment tax for the 23 weeks' run of the near-nude Follies Bergere in Sydney was £28,338 and the wages tax, £1,988,191. Theatre manager complained that although the Follies was an enormous box office success, it ran at a loss because of these taxes.

Various airlines have co-operated to carry 20lb of soy bean flour from Tokyo to Perth for a lad who cannot eat normal foods.

After a Perth newspaper had reported the lad's story, firms all over Australia began searching for soy bean flour. A Tokyo newspaper also picked up the story, got 20lb of the flour and have sent it by Canadian Pacific airliner to Hongkong where it was picked up by a Qantas plane for Darwin and from there loaded into a MacRobertson-Miller aircraft.

DISCOVERIES EXPECTED
Important discoveries in wool production and woolen goods manufacture are expected from research now being done by Government experts belonging to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

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Anonymous	Sterling £5.00, US\$0.75, HK\$0.75

Total at 11 a.m. today HK\$40,520.50
Sterling £273,500, US\$40,000

Stamp Show Opens

The Universal Stamp Show, to last a week, opened at the Hotel Cecil this morning when Mr. C. E. C. Wang cut the ribbon, allowing eager philatelists access to the display.

On display were thousands of stamps, including several Chinese varieties valued at thousands of dollars each.

There were not very many British Empire stamps exhibited this morning, but special collections of British stamps will join the show tomorrow, as well as stamps from the Colonies.

Thursday will be Armistice Day when special world airmail stamp collections will be put on show, followed by China Day on Friday when more old Chinese stamps will be exhibited. Saturday will be the day of philatelic fun with a display of stamp collections illustrating flowers, birds, sports, and animals. Students' Day on Sunday will be followed by the last day of the show when gifts will be presented to lucky visitors.

Latest domestic brawls have just about sealed our fate and it seems to be simply a question of waiting until the International Olympic Committee meets in Mexico City in April to have finish written to a pretty dismal act.

STRANDED SHIP REFLOATED

The Panamanian freighter La Colorado, which ran aground just north of Tourane on February 19 when en route to Hongkong from Singapore, was refloated and towed to the Indochinese port last week-end, according to a message reaching the Colony yesterday.

The La Colorado (Capt. B.H. Chiew) is believed to be slightly damaged. Her owners, Ming Sung Industrial Co. Ltd., declared that she will undergo minor repairs at Tourane before proceeding to Hongkong. Earlier, a tug from the Hongkong Salvage Towing Company was sent out with food for members of the crew of the stranded ship. It was, however, recalled after arrangements with the French Navy were made regarding the rescue of the grounded freighter.

Magistrate's Ruling On Car Parking

At Kowloon Court this morning, Mr. K. Y. Yung ruled that if a car was left by its owner in the hands of a cleaning company and then incorrectly parked, the cleaning company and not the owner was to blame. The owner of the car, the Rev. V.J.R. Mills, stated that he had for the past three years been in the habit of leaving his car in the hands of a cleaning company at the Star Ferry wharf. He asked if this was permissible. Mr. Yung replied that it was permissible but added that the car should be handed over to the cleaner in person. The Rev. Mills said that he did not know the name of the cleaner. Mr. Yung then acquitted defendant and directed that the car cleaner should be warned.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

THIS adds 11 to 5 means five. There are 12 chances in 10, hence, if there are 5 marbles in one bag, of which 3 are red, and 3 in the other, of which 2 are red:

$$\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{6}{25}$$

So a 6 and 2, which total 8, are factors of some number which is a multiple of 25. There are two possibilities: (1) 8 is 10 and 2 is 10, 8 is 10 and 2 is 10, 8 is 10 and 2 is 10. We have five red marbles in each bag.

$$\frac{5}{10} \times \frac{5}{10} = \frac{25}{100}$$

In the second case there are 30 red marbles in the first bag, and one in the other:

$$\frac{30}{31} \times \frac{1}{31} = \frac{30}{961}$$

hence, in case (1), there are five red marbles in one bag and three in the other. In case (2) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (3) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (4) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (5) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (6) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (7) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (8) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (9) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (10) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (11) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (12) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (13) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. In case (14) there are 30 red marbles in one bag and one in the other. 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